

Environmental Advisory Board meeting minutes from June 26, 2024

Call to order: 6:40 AM

Present: Holli Arnett, Paul Farquar, Nate Christanson, Maria Rotunda. Drew Beckwith as substitute Staff Liaison for Bridger Tomlin
(one public attendance – someone named Robert Arnold who did not stay on the line very long)

Approval of minutes and tonight's agenda: Motion approved and passed

Presentation on Residential/HOA Water Irrigation Resources/Programs:

- Drew discusses some of Westy water issues – the logistics of the water supply system, the new plant being constructed, water usage percentages in households, conservation and water efficiency programs, and the present plan of replacing Kentucky bluegrass with buffalo grass/blue gamma (turf to native conversion). Later sent all members a PowerPoint of his presentation.
- Q&A on presentation.
- Walk out on patio and Drew give a short explanation on what is planned for the City Hall turf replacement project. Discussion with the members if these projects could be one of our both presentations at the next City gathering. Evidently Parks and Rec will be doing promotional events as well.

Summer Block Party Review:

- Holly discusses success of the booth at the Summer Block party. Lots of attendance. The new recycling/sustainability center was a common topic of discussion. Again, composting is also a large issue with citizens, especially for a city sponsored program.
- Holly relays info from one citizen which wished the old recycling stations were still available in December since many parents (dads) used the locations to hide all the boxes that contained the toys Santa handed out at Christmas. (Holly had promised she would pass the request along).

Front Range Sustainability Board review: Maria reminds everyone to fill out the Front Range Community Sustainability Board Survey sent out via email on June 18. Possibly Boulder to host the next meeting – Maybe in August. A possible topic is formal determination on purpose of the board. Probably schedule meetings 3 times a year?

Discussion on the onboarding event on June 13. Determination for the EAB to issue a notice for tabling to make sure we comply with the transparency requirements.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 31, 2024.