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TOWN OF BASALT MEETINGS

Basalt Green Team

Monday, August 3, 2020

Basalt Town Hall

101 Midland Avenue

- 3:30 PM Roll Call**
- 3:32 Approve Minutes**
- July 13, 2020
- 3:34 Determine Basalt's participation in SolSmart community process**
- 3:45 Prepare for August 11th Town Council meeting**
- Proposed 2021 projects
 - Ratify 2020-2021 CC4CA Policy Statement
- 4:30 Report out:**
- RMI: Building Electrification Accelerator Program
 - CLEER: Go EV City
 - CC4CA: Western Leaders Network
 - Pitkin County's Growth Management Update
- 4:45 Member/Participant Updates**
- 5:00 Adjourn**

Basalt Green Team Meeting

July 13, 2020

*Attendees: Susan Philp, Sara Nadolny, Mary Wiener, Doug Goldsmith, Phi Filerman, Gerry Terwilliger,
Mike Steiner, Martin Bonzai,
Visitor - Katie Schwoerer*

Agenda:

1. Discussion of 2021 Budget and Goals
2. Prepare for Town Council Meeting
3. Update on Regional Efforts
4. Green Team Membership
5. General Updates

Meeting Notes:

1. **Approval of last meeting's notes & role call taken.**

2. **2021 Budget and Goals:**

The Green Team reviewed the initial 2020 budget and the cuts that were made as a result of the pandemic.

Susan noted that in preparation for the Green Team's meeting with Town Council (in August or September) to expect the Council to be conservative on 2021 budget items. Sales taxes have been better than expected, but there is concern that they could still drop off.

Susan noted that the 2020 Basalt Master Plan has a goal of allocating \$100,000 towards projects that can reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Green Team brainstormed potential projects for 2021, including:

- Continuing with the idea of replacing the old gas boiler at Town Hall with an air-source cold climate heat pump.
- There may be an opportunity to partner on a project that results from Holy Cross's RFP. Those projects will be awarded in the early fall.
- Opportunities to work with the local schools. Consider PV panel on the school by pool. Mary noted that Holy Cross has received some rebate applications for LED upgrades at the schools.
- The Town could help increase the current rebates for energy assessments offered by CORE, with the consideration of providing an additional \$100 toward energy assessments. CORE, Holy Cross Energy and Town Staff to get together and discuss.
- Increase public education on topics such as waste (composting) and energy saving measures (blower door testing).
- E-bikes - are they being used as a commuter vehicle or are they a toy? Holy Cross is currently offering a rebate to E-Bike purchasers if it will be used for commuting and replace vehicle miles traveled.
- Hire a resource officer to stop the idling of vehicles.

3. **Regional Updates:**

- a. Pitkin County has been hosting public outreach growth management discussions every Thursday as they work toward amending their Municipal Code. Meetings will continue through August.
- b. Snowmass completed a solar installation on Town Hall.
- c. Phi provided details from the latest Upper Roaring Fork Valley Climate Action Collaborative group.

4. **Membership:** The Green Team officially only has three members, which include Doug, Gerry and Dave. Town Staff will be advertising for new members. The Green Team can have up to seven members. Doug's appointment is almost expired. Susan asked the Green Team to help get the word out to any potential new members. Amanda Poindexter, CORE and Holy Cross cannot be members.

5. **General Updates:**

- a. Martin reported that Aspen Global Change Institute is undertaking a greenhouse gas inventory and hiring a communications manager.
- b. CORE provided an update on the DOLA grant and SolSmart.
- c. Holy Cross Energy has a battery pilot program starting, and participants will be chosen August 3rd. Holy Cross' store will have commercial lighting soon.
- d. Town of Basalt reported that CC4CA has finalized their Policy Statement and is asking all member communities to ratify the document. Sara will send it out to members to view.

6. **Imagine Climate Billboard:** The Town would like to purchase the billboard that is currently attached to the back of the stage at Lion's Park and potentially move it to less weather impacted site. CORE has proposed a \$5,000 contribution to next years' Imagine Climate event. Basalt is interested but would like to be sure to have an event in town. Phi will follow up.

7. **August Green Team Meeting:** The August Green Team meeting will be held on Monday, August 3rd to be able to prepare for Town Council appearance on August 11th. The meeting will include the discussion of a bare bones budget and add "nice to have" items. The meeting will also include a discussion introducing CC4CA (as there are several new Councilors) and an ask to ratify the 2020/2021 Policy Statement.

8. **Yard Waste Program:** The Green Team discussed if the event is worth trying to keep for 2021. Doug Goldsmith shared that it is not utilized to the extent expected in Carbondale, and furthermore all of the clippings would have to go the landfill, as the local ranchers won't accept them due to possibly lawn chemical treatments. The Green Team decided to remove the program from consideration at this time.

9. **Compost at Farmer's Market:** Susan noted that the compact was too contaminated at last week' market and had to be trashed. The Green Team had brief discussion of how to address the issue

but did not come to any conclusions. Sara has since spoken with Zach Smith, Market Manager, who also voiced his concern about the compost and is devising ways to limit contamination.