

The Green Team Meeting will be held in person at Basalt Town Hall. Members of the public are welcome to join the meeting from the audience.



TOWN OF BASALT MEETINGS

Basalt Green Team

Monday, February 13, 2023

Basalt Town Hall

101 Midland Avenue

3:30 PM Roll Call

Welcome new Green Team Members!

3:31 1. Approve Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2023

3:35 2. Replacement of Decommissioned EV Charger along Midland Spur

3:45 3. Willits Lane Corridor Introduction – Staff to provide a presentation regarding the future of Willits Lane and gather initial thoughts and visions on improvements from the Green Team’s perspective.

4:05 4. 2023 Workplan Discussion

- Request for Proposals – Public Education – Update provided by Staff
- BHS Environmental Club - opportunities to support and leverage resources.
- Next steps in meeting workplan goals for 2023.

4:35 5. Member/Supporter Updates

4:50 6. Future Agenda Items

5:00 Adjourn by this time



**Basalt Green Team
ACTION MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2022
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Basalt Town Hall**

Green Team Members present: Mike Steiner, Charlie Eckart, Doug Goldsmith

Green Team Members absent: Eileen Fagan

Staff present: Michelle Thibeault, Sara Nadolny

Guests: India Butchart, Connor Hoffman

AGENDA ITEMS

- Approve meeting minutes from December 12, 2022
- Welcome Members of BHS Environmental Club
- Finalize Chair/Vice Chair Roles
- Midland Avenue Streetscape Project
- Member/Supporter Updates
- Future Agenda Items

The meeting began at 3:34 pm

1. Approval of meeting minutes from December 12, 2022

Sara noted that she found a couple of places where Charlie's last name was misspelled and will correct these instances in the meeting notes. Charlie asked for a rewording for Item 6 (Member/Supporter Updates), under Mike Steiner's update – change the word "should" to "shout" in the phrase "shout out."

M/S Mike and Charlie to approve the meeting minutes, with the adjustments as discussed, from December 12, 2022 Motion passed 2 to 0.

2. Basalt High School Environmental Club Members

Sara introduced India Butchart and Connor Hoffman who are both seniors at the Basalt High School. India and Connor are cofounders of the Basalt High School Environmental Club. Their current focus is to raise awareness of environmental issues within the school and have worked to implement composting in the cafeteria. They are also working with EverGreen Zero Waste to get composting into the classrooms. Connor and India are looking to expand composting and recycling in all school activities, and to ensure the waste is being sorted and handled properly.

Connor has been working on getting an EV charger installed at the Basalt High School after receiving a Charge Ahead grant from the state. He also received a grant from CORE and a financial contribution from the Town toward the charging station. Plans are in place to get the concrete poured in March and after to get the EV charger installed. Connor said the charger was purchased through Holy Cross Electric. It is a Level 2 station with two charging ports and will be ADA accessible. They are also pre-wiring the site to ensure additional stations can be added in the future. Connor said the permits have already been approved for the work.

India said she is working with the Booster Club to support compostable materials at all High School sporting events.

Michelle asked if the existing voting members of the Green Team could recommend approving the students to become members on the board.

M/S Mike and Charlie to recommend to Council the addition of Connor Hoffman and India Butchart as members on the Basalt Green Team. Motion passed 2 to 0.

Introductions were made for all attendees.

Mary Wiener is no longer with Holy Cross but has accepted a position with CORE. Phi is no longer with CORE.

3. Finalize Chair and Vice Chair Roles

Sara asked for a motion for the roles of Chair and Vice Chair, noting that at the last meeting it was initially discussed that Charlie is interested in being Chair, and Mike as Vice Chair. Any other members could also be nominated for the roles.

M/S Doug and Charlie to accept Mike as Green Team Vice Chair. Motion passed 3 to 0.

M/S Doug and Mike to accept Charlie as the Green Team's Chair. Motion passes 3 to 0.

Charlie Eckart will be the Green Team's Chair for a period of one year. Mike Steiner will be the Green Team's Vice Chair for a period of one year.

4. Midland Avenue Streetscape Project

Michelle provided some context regarding the upcoming Midland Avenue Streetscape Project. She directed the Green Team to check out Letstalkbasalt.net for more information and to sign up to get updates on this and other projects.

Michelle noted that the Town has contracted with a public relations professional to focus on this project.

The anticipated start date is March 1st of this year, and likely to go through summer of 2024. Construction will not happen during the winter months. The Team is trying to figure out how to avoid having detours for traffic during the construction.

The role of the Green Team with Midland Avenue and the Town as a whole will involve mapping out EV charging station locations, determining the right number, potential partners, and a plan for moving forward.



Michelle provided a walk-through of the project displaying graphics of the area, indicating areas for improvements. She noted that there would be streetlights added in certain areas, that overall, the project would be pedestrian friendly, ADA compliant and accessible. The project will significantly improve the grading to meet ADA requirements. Sidewalks will meet the front doors of the businesses for a more plaza-like feel and greater accessibility.

Michelle challenged the Green Team to think of ways to create new habits for visitors to the downtown area, such as increasing bike riding, promoting We-Cycle, and through increased bus ridership. How can the Green Team better incentivize alternative transportation?

Michelle said there will be around 4-5 We-Cycle racks throughout the project area. A new station is planned near the Homestead Drive/Two River Road intersection.

Michelle said there is no money in the budget for a fleet of EV charging stations along Midland Spur, and there is no interest at this time in installing charging stations within the historic downtown core. EV stations tend to be brightly lit and take up significant space. The neon color does not resonate with the historic district. As an aside, Michelle noted that there are EV stations in Europe that are integrated within light poles. There is hope that American technology will catch up.

In the effort to think holistically about EV charging station location in Basalt, Mike said Holy Cross could serve as a resource to guide this locationally. There needs to be an understanding of transformer capacity which may dictate where EV chargers should be located.

It is advantageous to lay conduit along Midland Avenue once the roads are torn up rather than having to retrofit. The Midland Streetscape Project will ensure extra conduit is incorporated.

Connor mentioned that there are some difficulties with installation as there are few installers in this area. To that end CORE is pursuing a large grant related to workforce development.

Staff to get together with HCE and come back in a couple of months.

5. Member/Supporter Updates

Amanda Poindexter reported that the USGBC is working to rough out a schedule for activities in the new year.

Mike Steiner reported that the 20 megawatt project for solar and battery in the communities of Parachute and Rifle is due to come online in 2024. The Powerwall program is doing great, although he noted that labor and supply chain shortages have created some issues. Mike said that if an upcoming project needs a lot of energy, it's best to let Holy Cross know early as transformers are part of the supply chain issue.

Ryland French, recently appointed Senior Director of Regional Climate Strategy with CORE, said that CORE is working on finalizing its 2023 Grant/Rebate program. They are working to target a smaller number of higher impact projects related to fuel switching, prioritizing multi-family, commercial, workforce housing, and nonprofits that add community benefit. CORE is also currently pursuing grant funding. CORE is looking to provide a concierge service, combined with the grant programs, in 2023. Ryland also reported

that out of the rebate funds made available through the Town, 99% of all funding was used by over a dozen projects, many of them heat pumps.

Carlos Peugnet voiced concerns about potential bottlenecks in putting in an order for something that can't get done in a reasonable time due to workforce or product issues.

Doug Goldsmith reported having finished the LED upgrades in Mountain Waste's shop for the trash trucks and retiring old fleet vehicles. A compost facility will be coming online to Vail this year. In 2024 a highly efficient waste facility is scheduled to open in Denver.

6. Future Agenda Items

- At the next Green Team meeting review the goals for the Environmental Club and Town's workplan to see where we can do a greater outreach.
- Staff to provide next steps to meet goals of workplan throughout year.
- Recycling lifecycle – what items actually get recycled, what is needed to have an item be properly recycled, lifecycle of item from A to Z.
- Gas powered leaf blowers
 - Can we partner with Holy Cross to include electric leaf blowers in the rebate program?
 - Can the Town get in front of this with our contract for the municipal properties?

M/S Doug and Mike to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 3 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 pm