

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, October 9, 2023

Basalt Town Hall

101 Midland Avenue

- 3:30 PM** **Roll Call**
- 3:31** **1. Approve Meeting Minutes from August 14, 2023**
- 3:35** **2. Solar Project.** *Town Engineer to present an update to the Green Team on the progress of the solar project at five locations throughout Basalt/El Jebel.*
- 3:50** **3. Continued Discussion of 2024 Draft Green Team Work Plan.** *Green Team members to weigh in on priority projects and opportunities within the categories of the 2024 work plan.*
- 4:30** **4. Updates**
- Annual Leaf Drop
 - CORE Grant Program – funding allocations
 - E-Bike Rebate – funding allocations
 - Willits Lane Connectivity & Town Wayfinding Plan -- RFP
- 4:45** **4. Member/Supporter Updates**
- 4:50** **5. Future Agenda Items**
- 5:00** **Adjourn**

Basalt Green Team
August 14, 2023
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Green Team Members: Charlie Eckart, Mike Steiner, Eileen Fagan
Other Attendees: Jami McMannes (CORE)
Staff: Sara Nadolny, Michelle Bonfils Thibeault, Carlos Peugnet

Agenda

- Approve meeting minutes from June 12, 2023
- Review of 2023 Green Team Workplan Accomplishments
- Discussion of 2024 Draft Green Team Workplan
- Member/Supporter Updates

The meeting was called to order by Chair Eckart at 3:37 pm.

1. Approve Meeting Minutes from June 12, 2023

M/S Eileen and Charlie to approve meeting minutes. Motion passed 3 to 0.

The Green Team engaged in a brief discussion around how to solicit more membership. Sara has invited a local community member and business owner to participate at the next Green Team meeting.

2. Review of 2023 Green Team Workplan Accomplishments

Michelle provided a presentation related to the Green Team's 2023 Workplan items.

Item 1: Annual tracking of greenhouse gas emissions. Michelle has engaged with experts at Aspen Global Change Institute around the topic of annual emissions tracking. The feedback she received was to avoid tracking these annually, as meaningful changes are measured in longer spans of time. Aspen Global Change Institute does have a more robust system of tracking emissions and will be great as a future resource.

Item 2: Public Education. This item is well underway with the new Green Team monthly newsletter, additional advertisement, and the regular Tuesday ad space in the Daily News that is used to provide messaging around Town items and events. Sara encouraged Green Team members to sign up for the newsletter and to also encourage friends and family to sign up.

Future opportunities identified in this area include education around the topic of waste reduction.

Item 3: Energy Conservation. This item is met with the ongoing solar project, which is a partnership with the Roaring Fork School District. Michelle noted there has been a change in the contractor that will be performing the installation, so the project is mildly behind schedule. The roof mounted systems are expected to be completed before the end of the year, and the ground mounted solar will be installed next spring.

Item 4: Built Environment Standards. This is an area where the Green Team really met its goal with the solar project implementation, the adoption of new Sustainable Building Regulations and the 2021 IECC, and moving forward with supporting CORE's grant program.

Item 5: Alternative Transportation. Staff and the Green Team will be working toward a Bicycle Friendly Community designation with the application due in June 2024. There are items that will be multi-year undertakings, such as the Willits Lane corridor study, where planning and implementation will be phased.

This category also includes ongoing initiatives with We-Cycle, Basalt Connect, and the E-bike rebate program.

Opportunities for future improvements in this area include increasing the number of EV charging stations in strategic locations, installing e-bike charging stations, and improved bicycle and EV infrastructure.

3. Discussion of 2024 Draft Green Team Workplan

Michelle presented the Draft Work Plan for the Green Team's consideration, noting that it is not final, but rather a draft plan to elicit responses from Green Team members. Items included the Willits Lane Connectivity & Town Wayfinding Plan, bicycle rebates and events, the Midland Avenue Streetscape Plan, and Strategic Communications and Events.

The Green Team discussed items that could fit within each topic area and members were asked to consider any items of interest not contained within the draft list of topics. Green Team members indicated an interest in exploring items that the community can engage in.

Michelle explained that the Town is beginning budget season and needs to know what the Green Team is prioritizing, projects that are desired, and what the requested budget is around those items. Michelle talked about bringing on partners, such as the Basalt Chamber, for items such as Bike-to-Work Day.

Staff will create a document to allow the Green Team to rank and prioritize items and add to items which will be sent to Green Team members. This will be a discussion to finalize at the next Green Team meeting.

4. Member/Supporter Updates

Mike Steiner (Holy Cross Electric) reported on significant wind and solar projects on the front range that will help to get Holy Cross to 90% renewable by the end of 2024. The cost associated with the PuRE program will decrease. A focus will be on increasing battery backup systems.

Jami McMannes (CORE) reported on the upcoming Green Electronics Showcase at TACAW. The showcase will feature various electronic innovations for people to experience. This is a free event that will take place on Wednesday, August 23rd. Jami also reported that the third quarter CORE grant application is open through October 25th.

Sara reported that the 3rd Annual Community Recycling Event was a success, and thanked Charlie for his volunteer time. Eagle County has released some initial information from the event, including that 186 tires were received for recycling, 2,780 pounds of paper for shredding, and 11,923 pounds of electronic waste.

The next Green Team meeting will be postponed until Wednesday, September 20th as many board members will not be available to meet the usual date in September.

Mike had to leave the meeting at 4:55, leaving no quorum to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting ended at 5:07 pm.