

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, November 14, 2022

Basalt Town Hall

101 Midland Avenue

- 3:30 PM Roll Call**
- 3:31 Approve Meeting Minutes from October 10, 2022**
- 3:35 Climate Action Plan – Discussion of Goals and Subgoals**
- 4:10 CORE Third Quarter Report**
- 4:20 Updates on 2022 Work Plan and Items from Past Meeting**
- Code Amendments
 - Basalt Rebate Incentives Program overview
- 4:30 Member/Supporter Updates**
- 4:50 Future Agenda Items**
- 5:00 Adjourn by this time**

Green Team Meeting
October 10, 2022
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Basalt Town Hall

Green Team Members present: Eileen Fagan, Mike Steiner, Eileen Fagan, Charlie Eckhart
Attendees present: Sara Nadolny, Michelle Thibeault, Mary Wiener, Amanda
Poindexter, Phi Filerman, Carlos Peugnet
Guests: Jacob Smith (CC4CA), Maisa Metcalf and Lyndsey Williams (Holy Cross Electric)

Agenda Items:

- Approve Meeting Minutes from September 13, 2022
- Presentation/Discussion with CC4CA
- Marketing/Communications discussion with Holy Cross Energy
- Updates on 2022 Work Plan and Items from Past Meeting
- Member/Supporter Updates

Meeting started at 3:35 pm

1. Approve Meeting Minutes from September 13, 2022.

M/S Mike and Eileen to approve the meeting minutes from September 13, 2022. Motion passed 3 to 0.

2. Presentation/Discussion with CC4CA.

Sara introduced Jacob Smith, Executive Director of Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA). Jacob attended the meeting remotely. Sara explained that Basalt has been a member of CC4CA since 2017. CC4CA is a coalition of local governments across the state that advocate for state and federal climate policy. There are currently 39 member communities across Colorado.

Jacob provided some background on CC4CA, including bills that the coalition has supported (or opposed), the structure of the organization, and how CC4CA gives a voice to local governments which may otherwise be unheard on its own.

The Green Team and Jacob engaged in the following questions and responses.

- How can Basalt support CC4CA? Jacob said the best way to support the organization is through representation in meetings, through engagement, and by providing testimonials, letters to the editor, etc. as the Town sees appropriate, particularly during legislative sessions. The Town can provide also share with the larger coalition case studies, successes, and lessons learned.
- Does CC4CA work with other organizations? Jacob said that while CC4CA's members are local governments, the organization sometimes collaborates with other organizations to meet goals. For instance, Colorado Counties Acting Together – which is a breakoff of CCI, and acts as a municipal league for counties. He explained that CC4CA has many allies.

- Is CC4CA actively reaching out to new members, or do they reach out to CC4CA? Jacob said it works both ways – many jurisdictions reach out and Jacob gets invited to present at their advisory board meetings.
- Is there a membership fee to be a part of CC4CA? Jacob said yes, membership fees actually make up the bulk of the organization’s revenue. The yearly membership fees are based on the population of the jurisdiction. In this way, CC4CA remains in control of its money rather than having to answer to outside parties. The organization did receive some foundation money in the past few years has helped to expand capacity.
- Does CC4CA work in other states? Jacob explained the organization is not proactively leading efforts to expand to other states but does appreciate partners in other states. He explained that the organization formed organically with jurisdictions that authentically organized themselves.

3. *Marketing/Communication discussion with Holy Cross Energy*

Maisa Metcalf and Lyndsey Williams were introduced as representatives of Holy Cross’ Communications team. Lyndsey explained that her department works closely with Mary and Mike’s departments at Holy Cross.

Lyndsey provided some information on Holy Cross’ recent programs. The Sustainable Solar program is open for enrollment and is an income qualified community solar program. The solar array at Holy Cross’ Gypsum facility acts as a virtual solar array and, through this program, will provide a 50% clean energy off-set. Qualifying applicants must meet the requirement of 80% of the area median income (AMI). The application is part of a lottery. Materials are available in English and Spanish. Maisa is assisting with member outreach for Spanish speaking community. This is a two-year program. Holy Cross will provide resources to let recipients know when a program is coming to an end, so they are able to reapply for the lottery if they continue to meet the qualifying criteria. The more the applications the program receives the more it shows the need for more spaces in future lotteries for the Sustainable Solar program.

A Green Team member asked if Holy Cross had considered applying the cost savings among all of the program’s applicants rather than for the winners of the lottery. Maisa replied that by doing so it would lessen the impact the program would have by reducing the amount of cost savings.

Want to target income qualified so can also address from a holistic approach with making homes more energy efficient.

Lindsey said Holy Cross’s Communications team is available to promote messaging for many of the Green Team’s projects, so long as they are not creating the content.

4. *Updates on 2022 Work Plan and Items from Past Meeting*

- Code Amendments – 2021 IECC adoption. Carlos anticipates this adoption occurring toward the end of the year as building permits slow down. This region has been working with Shawna Mazingo to craft a path forward that is specific to each community.

Sara added an update that the amendments to the Building Code/SBR have been adopted with a “go live” date of October 20th.

Charlie expressed concern about the Building Department's webpage. Given the impending changes to the Building Code a header on the page asap. Amanda indicated that she is working on this and is helping people to navigate the process.

- Basalt Rebate Incentives Program. Phi will provide an overview at the next meeting. Sara is interested in understanding what projects homeowners are getting rebates for, and if there are any items that are rebated more frequently.

There was discussion of funding that may be available when the Inflation Reduction Act funds are released, and how

5. Member/Supporter Updates

Charlie asked that given the bike optimization in town, is Basalt considering becoming a designated Bicycle Friendly Community? Michelle said that is something Staff is currently looking into. Charlie noted that the League of American Bicyclists offer opportunities for funding, support, signage, etc.

Phi (CORE) reported on CORE's efforts with the Coal Basin Project, which is currently going through the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) process. If all goes smoothly a flow test will get underway in the spring.

Dallas led a regional conversation at the recent United Nations meeting in Aspen. CORE hopes this meeting will cause the communities to begin looking at things more regionally. CORE is also starting a new strategic planning process.

Mike (Holy Cross) reported that the DC charger the Town has been waiting on will arrive before the end of the year. He also mentioned that the Basalt Regional Library is installing two new charging stations.

Mary (Holy Cross) said that Glenwood Springs is going to a pay-as-you-throw trash pickup system and wondered if this is something for Basalt to think about. Doug noted that Carbondale went to that system a couple of years ago, but he sees it as problematic. The system overcharges homes that may be outside of the tradition – such as a two-family home, financially penalizing those that can least afford to be charged. The system undercharges for use of the small trash container and overcharges for use of the larger container. Doug suggests establishing the baseline number and then going to 75%.

M/S Doug and Charlie to adjourn at 5:02 pm. Motion passed 3 to 0.