

Green Team Meeting
April 11, 2022
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Basalt Town Hall

Green Team Members present: Gerry Terwilliger
Attendees present: Sara Nadolny, Mitch Miller, Catherine Christoff
Guest: Eileen Fagan

Agenda Items

- Approve Minutes from 2/14 and 3/8
- Member Updates
- 2022 Work Plan Updates

A. Approval of Minutes from 2/14/2022 and 3/8/2022

The meeting lacked a quorum. The meeting minutes will be presented again for approval during the May Green Team meeting.

B. Member Updates

Gerry Terwilliger reported that the Basalt Community Garden is full again this year. The garden is a half-acre in size and contains 97 individual plots. Gerry said they will begin planning on the expansion for next year and will likely begin with a quarter acre to ensure that space is utilized before expanding the other quarter acre.

Connor Hoffman, the Basalt High School student who applied for a Charge Ahead grant for an EV charger at the high school was successful in his application. Sara will reach out to Connor to see what he needs. The Town can provide a portion of the gap funding required.

Gerry said he received quotes from Eric Vozick at the Basalt High School regarding the cost of a compost program. The prices were much higher than anticipated. It also appears that all of the dishes and cutlery currently used at the high school cafeteria are plastic. Eric has expressed an interest in switching to compostable products.

Eileen wondered what the amount is that the school is currently paying for their disposables, and if it would be more cost effective to assist the school in purchasing and installing a dishwasher so they can get away from single-use products, even those that are compostable.

Sara also reiterated an earlier thought of asking the school or students to reach out to local businesses to sponsor their compost program. Eileen wondered if the new First Bank might be a good option. Sara can look into this. The bank is not currently operating. Sara also wondered if there are grants available to help offset the costs.

Eileen Fagan shared that May 7th is Wildfire Awareness Day. She has sent out brochures and awareness pieces on event which includes ways to protect the Town. She wondered if this was something the

Green Team would support. Sara said that items related to fire and resiliency do fall within the Green Team's purview to the extent that this is a shared budget item, but that Roaring Fork Fire Rescue would be the starting point for any messaging or proposed projects.

Catherine Christoff updated the group on the two EV chargers that should be installed in the near future on Two Rivers Road, adjacent to Lions Park. She reported there have been delays in getting the chargers due to supply chain issues. Arcos Mobility will be performing the installation. The chargers will be provided free of charge to users.

Sara Nadolny let the group know that she and Phi will be part of a Town Hall Speaker Series on Wednesday, April 13th at 5 – 6 pm on the topic of Environmental Sustainability in the Town of Basalt. Others on the panel include Gail Schwarz and Jacob Everety from Habitat for Humanity. The Speaker Series will occur online every two week and will cover the communities of Aspen through Parachute. She shared that registration is free and the series is sponsored by the Aspen Institute's Hurst Community Initiative.

C. Work Plan Updates

Catherine provided an update on the Basalt 2030 Solar Project, recapping that the project went out to bid for a solar analysis and feasibility study for seven different sites around Basalt. She reported that the consultants, McKinstry, are still in the analysis phase. The Sanitation Districted has added a few sites at former cesspools that may be capped and have solar added. The goal is to move into design of at least one project site. McKinstry will be providing a capital improvement priority list, a preferred site, and the level of solar array that could be accommodated on that site.

Catherine also reported that a team is working on the Midland Avenue Streetscape Project and will be incorporating bioswales and EV chargers into the design. The Green Team will have the opportunity to weigh in on the project.

Catherine said she has received a request for the Town to create a map that shows all public EV chargers within the Town's limits. This may be covered by an app. Catherine will look into this further.

Sara reported that the proposed amendments to the Town's Sustainable Building Regulations (SBRs) has stalled while awaiting final review by the Town Attorney. There is a desire to get the SBRs updated before major projects come in so they are under the new requirements.

Sara is working with Jesse Masten in Eagle County on scheduling this year's Community Recycling Event. The desire is to use the high school again, as that layout worked well last year. The same vendors are anticipated. Sara needs to work with the school district for permission to use the site and to schedule the date, which will be likely June after school activities have ended.

The group discussed the rebuilding in Louisville and Boulder County after the Marshall Fire and the implications of being able to build under previous Codes.

The meeting adjourned 4:54 pm

