

Basalt Green Team
June 14, 2021
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Via Zoom

Attendees included Susan Philp, Sara Nadolny, Catherine Christoff, Mike Steiner, Mary Wiener, Gerry Terwilliger, Phi Filerman, Amanda Poindexter, Graham Ward, Pranav Lakhina, and Doug Goldsmith

Meeting started at 3:55 pm.

Agenda Items:

- Approve Minutes from 5/10/2021
- Update on Capital Needs Committee
- Updates on Facilities Needs Study
- CC4CA Policy Committee Updates
- Community Recycling Event
- Discuss Potential Green Capital Project – Next Steps
- Member Updates
- Discuss Location of Future Meetings

Role call was taken – Green Team members Doug Goldsmith, Gerry Terwilliger, and Pranav Lakhina were present. Martin Bonzi, Dave Mullaney, and Greg Smith were absent.

* The agenda items were addressed out of order due to loss of power that prevented the Zoom call from working effectively. The meeting was being held as a hybrid in-person and virtually. Amanda and Graham called into the meeting.

1. Member Updates

Phi Filerman (CORE) provided CORE updates. There will be a virtual talk for consumers regarding an energy savings program tomorrow, and it will include ways to get 0% finance loans with on-bill financing. CORE is the recipient of a grant to look into methane capture at Dutch Creek in Pitkin County. Phi also reported on CORE's free energy assessment give away, which had six households in Basalt and one in El Jebel. Eagle County comprised 25% of the total assessments.

Doug Goldsmith (Mountain Waste) said his business continues to be very busy and they've added two new trucks.

Graham Ward introduced himself as the new Education and Outreach Programs Coordinator for EverGreen Zero Waste.

Amanda Poindexter (Full Circle Construction) reported that the USGBC is hosting a virtual building tour of the Basalt Vista project on Wednesday from 6 pm – 7:30 pm. Attendees are eligible for continuing education credits for the Town and can receive AIA credits as well.

Mary Weiner (Holy Cross Energy) reported that Holy Cross Energy will be holding their annual shareholders meeting in Carbondale.

Mike Steiner (Holy Cross Energy) reported on the Peak Time Program which is a way to save money by not using significant energy during those identified peak periods. He said Holy Cross is getting a lot of PuRE participation. The solar storage project at CMC in Eagle and Rifle is underway. The solar farm within Pitkin County is set to begin construction in early August.

Sara Nadolny (Town of Basalt) provided an update on CC4CA's work in the Colorado legislative session that just ended. CC4CA was engaged in a total of 44 bills and the session was highly successful. She provided a couple of highlights and indicated that she could send out an email with more information so the Green Team could better understand how the Town's involvement positively impacts things at the state level.

Sara said that Staff and the Town Manager were sent an email from Eagle County Commissioner Matt Scherr regarding the Eagle County Climate Action Collaborative. Scherr provided a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to review that would do more to formalize the relationship and duties members have within the Collaborative. She noted that currently she attends the quarterly meetings, and that the MOU will require an elected official to be the primary representative. Staff can remain on as an alternate if the Council desires.

Lastly, Sara provided an update on the Community Recycling Event. The event is scheduled to run from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday, June 26th at the Basalt High School, and is free to residents of the Basalt/El Jebel area. Eagle County has organized the vendors, who will take yard and food waste for composting, electronics, metal, tires, household hazardous waste such as antifreeze, paint, and cleaners, and paper shredding.

2. Updates on Facilities Needs Study

Susan said that the Facilities Needs Study looked at the buildings through a few different lenses, including what is needed for deferred maintenance, what can be done to meet sustainability goals, and also what does the Town need in terms of space. The big take-away was for buildings to go all-electric. However, the practicality of this was also discussed, as making large investments into buildings, such as converting to cold climate heat pumps, that may be redeveloped in the short term would not be the best investment.

An additional project to consider, which came out of the Facilities Needs Study, include developing a new Town Hall potentially combined with a Police Station. A new building could be located at Lion's Park.

Susan said that the new Public Works Facility at Original Road is planned with solar and battery storage, as well as fiber to the site.

3. Updates on Capital Needs Committee

Pranav said that during the Capital Needs Committee options were discussed in terms of costs versus constructing a centralized Town facility.

Susan asked the Green Team to consider how to address advancing the projects within the Master Plan. She provided a summary of each project and indicated she would like the Green Team to rank the projects.

Susan also wants a subcommittee to work toward a major green project. After discussion, it was determined that the subcommittee will include Sara, Mike, Phi, Pranav, Gerry and Doug. Sara will reach out to Martin to see if he is interested.

The Master Plan includes thirteen projects that were voted on by the public as being the most important or supported projects to be completed within the Town. Susan noted that one of the green investment projects includes the creation of a major solar system. She asked if there are other ideas that the Green Team may have. The subcommittee should focus on brainstorming other large sustainability projects. Another idea is to incorporate sustainability features into the other projects listed in the Master Plan.

Susan discussed other projects that are included within the Master Plan.

M/S Gerry Terwilliger and Doug Goldsmith to approve the minutes from May 10, 2021. Motion passed.

M/S Doug Goldsmith and Gerry Terwilliger to adjourn. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:50 pm.