

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

Green Team Members present: Mike Steiner, Eileen Fagan, Charlie Eckart
Attendees present: Chris Howard
Staff present: Sara Nadolny, Michelle Bonfils Thibeault

Agenda Items

- **Roll call**
- **Approve Meeting Minutes**
- **Member/Supporter Updates**
- **2022 Workplan Item Updates**
- **Future Agenda Items**

1. Approve Meeting Minutes

Charlie had an amendment to the May 9th meeting minutes. He noted that his last name was misspelled and asked Staff to make the corrections as necessary.

M/S Charlie and Eileen to approve the minutes of May 9, 2022, as amended. Motion passed 3 to 0.

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

2. Member/Supporter Updates

Mike Steiner (Holy Cross Electric) reported that the CMC solar and battery project they are undertaking with Sunsense is anticipated to be completed in late August, and there will be a ribbon cutting event.

He reported on the Community Energy Systems, which is new Holy Cross program. The program will support community project that address LMI and beneficial electrification with in-kind labor and work. Projects may include EV charging stations, transformer upgrades, solar, or batteries. The program is aimed at providing community benefit and will not include residential projects. Holy Cross will be looking for community projects that fit within this program.

Holy Cross Energy's annual PV for consumption is at 120%. They are currently investigating whether this can be increased, noting that Xcel Energy is at 200%.

Mike will follow up with Solarize Eagle County to see how many residents were able to benefit from the program.

Chris Howard (Sunsense) reported that the goal for the solar array at CMC has been to include battery storage, and they are currently working to install power walls at the site. A field trip will be planned to check out the CMC project in the fall.

3. 2022 Workplan Item Updates

- A. *Code Amendments.* Sara reported that the Code Amendments would be going before Town Council on July 26th for first reading. Charlie expressed interest in seeing the amendments, as he has some concerns that he would like to see addressed in the Code. For instance, the spraying agent in the spray foam that is used in insulation is worse than methane for emissions. He said it is a polyurethane foam that is sprayed with a gun for sealing. Ideas Charlie has for Code Amendments:
- That blowing agent has high global warming potential. Can we mandate the blowing agent be alternative – HFO? Charlie can drum up some data on that.
 - Mandate a limestone mix into cement? Replaces cement with high emissions. Research to be done to see if this can be integrated.
 - Require a duct blasting test regardless of where they are within the building thermal envelope. Keep an efficient ducting system.
- B. *Basalt Incentives Rebate Program.* Phi was unable to attend the Green Team meeting, and CORE is the administrator of the program. Sara will get in touch to get an update on the program's utilizations – what projects have qualified, how many, how much money has been spent/is remaining.
- C. *Community Recycling Event* – Sara reminded Green Team that this will be happening at the Basalt High School on July 30th and if they are still interested in providing messaging to please send her an email. Messages about proper recycling, carbon reduction, etc. can be printed and put up on A-frames or boards and placed along Southside where cars generally queue up for the event. She is also looking for volunteers for the event. It will be open to the public from 9 am – 1 pm. Volunteers would need to be there a bit early to avoid getting stuck in the queue. The event has been advertised through social media and flyers at businesses and message boards around town. Generally advertising for this event hasn't been in the paper to keep it as local as possible, but Staff may consider running a couple of ads as the event date draws closer.
- D. *Basalt Forward 2030* – Michelle reported that the consultants are currently in the process of refining their drawings for the Midland Avenue Streetscape Project. Michelle would like to lean on the Green Team for their input on items such as alternative transportation downtown and having more electric bike docking stations. She noted that alternative transportation is one of the pillar topics. The design will include more parking at the ends of the Midland Avenue downtown area and more pedestrian priority in the center. Michelle will bring in plans at a future meeting for discussion with the Green Team.

4. 2019/2020 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Report Discussion

Sara explained that the reason she had included this on the agenda was in hopes of having a more robust discussion around potential projects for 2023. Staff is beginning budget discussions and the Green Team will be going before Council in the fall to make any budget requests. Sara wants the Green Team to get creative on ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Buildings are the highest emitter in Basalt, with ground transportation coming in second.

Regarding transportation emissions, Eileen asked why the Downtowner was not an electric vehicle. An opportunity may have been missed there to further reduce carbon emissions. Michelle said that currently there is not an electric vehicle that has the capacity that is needed for the rideshare service.

Mike left the meeting at approximately 4:55 pm.

Eileen said that Basalt may need to get more realistic with its greenhouse gas reduction goals. With the with the population increase and more development, how are the emissions being how to account for it? She suggested looking at a per capita approach for quantifying emissions.

Eileen noted that we do not want to lose the legitimacy of these efforts and suggested the Green Team come up with subgoals for the Climate Action Plan. Sara thinks Council would really appreciate having subgoals to celebrate some efforts. She will put this on the next agenda for brainstorming.

Michelle will let the Green team know about their budget once it becomes available so projects can be planned and recommendations can be made.

M/S Eileen and Charlie to adjourn. Motion passed 2 to 0.