

**Green Team Meeting**  
**September 13, 2022**  
**3:30 pm – 5:00 pm**  
**Basalt Town Hall**

Green Team Members present: Eileen Fagan, Mike Steiner  
Attendees present: Sara Nadolny, Michelle Thibeault, Carlos Peugnet, Chris Howard,  
Mary Wiener, Amanda Poindexter.

Agenda Items:

- Approve Meeting Minutes from July 11, 2022
- Member/Supporter Updates
- 2022 Workplan Items – Updates
- Discussion of Subgoals for Climate Action Plan
- 2023 Work Plan Items

Meeting started at 3:35 pm

*1. Approve Meeting Minutes from July 11, 2022.*

There was not a quorum of members present so the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes will be placed on the October agenda for approval.

*2. Member/Supporter Updates.*

Mike Steiner (Holy Cross Energy) reminded the Green Team of the ribbon cutting for the solar/battery storage project at the CMC Spring Valley Campus on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. Mike will send out an email reminder. This is the largest battery storage system in the state. Governor Polis will be making an appearance at the event. The project contains 4.5 megawatts of solar PV and storage and consists of 13,000 solar panels.

Mike said that at the next Green Team meeting he will bring back some information about the Inflation Reduction Act. The Town may be able to take advantage of some funding.

Carlos Peugnet introduced himself as the Town's Plans Examiner and Building Inspector.

Mary Weiner (Holy Cross Electric) will determine the number of households within Basalt Holy Cross has provided rebates to this year and will report back. An online calculator for the Inflation Recovery Act will be released, allowing households to input income information and find out the rebates for which they may qualify.

Chris Howard (Sunsense Solar) reported that he is wrapping up work on the CMC solar and storage project. He said there is a long line to get every project complete as industry works to keep up with the demand for solar. Incentives are coming online for domestic production, but he believes it will take a couple of years for the industry to catch up. Installers are needed. Chris might be able to provide a summary at the next meeting regarding funding for projects.

Amanda Poindexter (Full Circle Construction) reported that the USGBC is planning to host a holiday party in Basalt in December.

Catherine Christoff (Town Engineer) will provide update for solar project tomorrow at Council. Brief – McKinstry consultant there as well. 30% design moving forward on chosen sites. No battery at this time. Applied to DOLA for 50% project funding. Interviews in early December. Due to bond measure will move forward either way. Would like to save \$ for other projects

### 3. 2022 Workplan Items - Updates.

- a) Community Recycling Event – Sara reported that this was a successful event. The event did not include the household hazardous chemicals this year as Eagle County wasn't able to schedule that vendor at any point this year. Jesse with Eagle County is working on getting that vendor (Veolia) scheduled early for an event in 2023.
- b) Sara reported that she is working with EverGreen Zero Waste on Upcoming leaf drop event on scheduling the 2022 Annual Leaf Drop Event, which will begin sometime in October.
- c) Code amendments – Sara reported that the team will be bringing the ordinance back to Council for a second round of First Reading. The feedback received from design professionals was taken into consideration and as a result the ordinance had received some minor amendments.

In a conversation related to the proposed code amendments and beneficial electrification, Mike reported on Holy Cross Energy's Community Energy Systems Program. Through this program Holy Cross may be able to take on the costs of the transformer. The program also allows owners to pay off the costs associated with upgrades over an extended period. He discussed the need to get users to change their habits and adjust to using energy that are not at peak times of day, including using programmable thermostats to heat and cool outside of peak hours.

- d) Midland Ave Streetscape Project – Michelle said that the goals of project are to improve infrastructure and enhance economic sustainability. The improvements are planned for the stretch of Midland Avenue from Homestead Drive to Two Rivers Road, including Midland Spur and Merino Park. The plan will include alternative transportation, and Staff will lean on the Green Team for support and knowledge in this area. Ultimately the idea is to create more resilient infrastructure to support the Town's climate action goals.

Michelle reported that the initial concept has been approved by Town Council, and the next step is going to 30% construction drawings. Staff and the consultants are looking at opportunities to speed up construction. Michelle provided some details on the plans for the Midland Avenue improvements.

Michelle is starting a study on the impacts of cycling on the town. She is interested in growing this concept and to better understand how Basalt can better benefit from being a cycling destination.

### 4. 2023 Work Plan Items

Sara expressed an interest in pursuing a waste reduction public campaign in 2023, which the Green Team supported.

Other programs the Green Team is interested include continuing the rebate program to incentivize retrofits and beneficial electrification and bringing EV chargers and possibly E-bicycle chargers to Midland Avenue.

Michelle provided an inventory of the Green Team items that carry over year after year, such as the Annual Leaf Drop, WE-Cycle, and EV charger cost offset.

Mike indicated that the Town may have considerable funds in Holy Cross' Community Enhancement Fund that can be used for projects like Midland Avenue, beautification, energy efficiency, etc. Mike will check into this and report back at the next meeting.

Michelle reported that one of the Town's major project next year we will be to start a Willits Land corridor plan. Many of the Town's committees will be involved in some way on that project. She will be seeking input from the Green Team. There's a possibility of adding charging stations or bike share stations to the Willits corridor.

Another idea was floated for 2023 for an E-bike rebate program. Mary reported that Denver gave \$500 to anyone who purchased an e-bike. Avon and Edwards metro have similar incentive programs.

Mike said that members of Holy Cross' Marketing and Communications team may be interested in joining the Green Team for their October meeting to discuss plans for customer engagement.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm

