



Environmental Advisory Board
Regular Environmental Advisory Board Minutes
Tuesday, June 4, 2024
3:30 PM
130 Kearns Road
Small Conference Room

1. ROLL CALL

The Board Members Present were; Jake Lapp, Shashi Neerukonda, Rebecca Paschal, Morgan Fixel.

Board Members Absent: Mike Steiner, Andrew Wickes, Joseph Goodman.

Staff and General Public: Clint Kinney, Town Manager; Sam Guarino, Transportation Director; Darrell Smith, Snowmass Water & Sanitation District; Barb Peckler, Office Manager.

Rebecca began the meeting by reading about the intentions for the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.a May 2024 EAB Meeting Minutes

[05-07-24 EAB Minutes.pdf](#)

Morgan Fixel motioned to Approve the May 7th, 2024 minutes, Jake seconded. All in favor.

3. C.O.R.E. UPDATE

Jake presented the CORE updates:

- Mary has sent the Energy One reports for the Town of Snowmass electrification study to the building owners. Once completed, she will prepare a summary report of the results.
- Continuing to move forward with the Regional Green Workforce Study, Regional Multifamily Study, and Regional Building Net Action Plan Initiative. They hope to have these wrapped up over the course of the summer.

4. H.C.E. UPDATE

Mike is on vacation and will fill in at the next meeting.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5.a Review Landscaping Company Survey Draft

A draft survey was sent to all board members. The board was good with the draft survey as it was written.

Action Item: Greg will add a cover letter and send it to all registered business owners working in Snowmass next week.

Deadline to respond is July 1st

If the board has not heard back from anyone, the board can make phone calls between July 1st and Aug 1st.

[Landscaping Equipment Electrification Survey DRAFT.pdf](#)

5.b Review Sustainability Plan

At the last meeting, the board asked everyone to review the Sustainability Plan and suggest areas for the board to focus on.

Andrew sent an email listing topics of his concern (see attached email)

Clint started the discussion by recommending the board look at the plan and focus on the next big goal that will impact reaching the 2030 Climate Action Goals. it would help to have a big policy plan for the EAB board to recommend to the Town Council.

The Sustainability Plan was developed before most board members joined the EAB. To help them better understand the plan, Sam provided background of when, why, and how we got to where we are now.

The board discussed several areas of the Sustainability Plan, and then each board member stated what their main concerns were:

- Morgan - Conservation, Recycling, and Solid Waste need attention. Energy Conservation
- Darrell- His high-priority targets are water and fire mitigation. His concern is to make sure Snowmass Village is livable in 30 years. The Town could start by having the irrigation analyzed on Town properties, making the town the leader in irrigation efficiency. Additionally, the board could look at landscaping plans. Do they meet the fire code?
- Sashi- Green building codes and agrees with Darrell. The town could work on more outreach to the community and contractors regarding the availability of rebates.
- Jake- I think there's a lot to be learned or that can be pulled from the electrification study. The board can think about the next steps when the summary report comes out. The board could look at the benchmarking program starting

with the highest buildings, gathering data, then working down, and then using that data to help form building codes and standards.

The board agreed that they would need more details to help decide what major project to undertake. The areas of concern they agreed on were divided amongst the members.

Action Item: The task is to look deeper into each of the 3 areas

- Find examples of other municipalities and how they dealt with the issue-
- What is the impact on the 62 ½ % and what % reduction change will this make.
- Do any towns mandate the change? If so, how?
- How would you present it to the Council

Assignment of Duties:

Morgan-Andrew- Joe will take composting and separation of construction materials

Darrell and Sashi -Water efficiency and fire protection- how new building codes could enforce this

Jake- Mike – Building codes that promote energy efficiency and looking at a benchmarking program

Clint- Look at where the biggest impact is, focus on that, and look at the pros and cons.

At the next meeting, the board can prioritize the projects

6. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

7. NEXT MEETING DATE - JULY 2

The July meeting is right before the 4th of July. The board will check in on the 2nd and meet if there is a quorum.

8. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Darrell- Snowmass Water and Sanitation is working on Irrigation assessments and efficiency. They are starting with their own irrigation systems. They are offering incentives to customers to do the irrigation assessments independently. Water & Sanitation will pick up the first \$350 for new equipment that improves water efficiency, and after that, it is a one-to-one match up to \$1200. On July 4, at the Fanny Hill concert, they will have a booth with a reusable water bottle giveaway and water conservation information.

Morgan agrees that the board should take on a big project but still do smaller projects so the community knows what EAB is doing.

Sam, Download the new app Snowmass Village Downtowner. It will provide you with real-time shuttle arrivals and on-demand service. The transportation department is

shifting to smaller vehicles for on-demand service and hopes to get electric chargers at Town Hall.

9. ADJOURNMENT