



Environmental Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

3:30 PM

You can watch the meeting live online on our website at tosv.com

1) ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mike Steiner, Morgan Fixel, Mary Wiener, Rebecca Paschal, Shashi Neerukonda, Joseph Goodman, Andrew Wickes

Non-Members Present: Clint Kinney; Town Manager, Greg LeBlanc; Town Liaison, Darrell Smith, Snowmass Water and Sanitation

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve January 2024 Meeting Minutes

[01-02-24 EAB Minutes.pdf](#)

Andrew Wickes motioned to approve the 01-02-24 minutes. Shashi Neerukonda seconded. All in favor.

3) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3a. EAB Board Chair Selection

- The Municipal Code has been clarified: The Board Chair can serve only for two one-year terms, and then a new Chair must be appointed.
- The floor was opened for nominations and discussion.
- Motion to nominate Rebecca, seconded by Shashi. All in Favor.

3b. Continued Small Gas-Powered machines discussion.

The EAB previously presented a letter to the Council requesting that the Town ban all small gas-powered machines. The Council acknowledged the issue but had several concerns before taking action. Clint Kinney, Town Manager, was present to provide the Board with the Council's concerns and to answer any questions the board may have. Once EAB has a more detailed plan, they can return the item to the Council.

Council concerns were:

- Is it worth the effort if the State is passing regulations.
- There will be pushback from the Community- need to do stakeholder meetings to get their input.
- Will this affect future environmental issues the board may bring up in the future?



- How would this work for commercial companies if the batteries don't last 8 hours?
- Clint stated the more work the board can do before going back to the Council the better. Having input from the stakeholders is critical.

After discussion, EAB will solicit stakeholder feedback and explore policy options for a recommendation to the Council. To aid in this discussion, please consider the following resources:

- Tax credits from the State, such as: <https://tax.colorado.gov/electric-powered-lawn-equipment-tax-credit#:~:text=SB%2023%2D016%20allows%20a,the%20retailer%27s%20income%20tax%20year.>
- Other incentives from CORE or Holy Cross.
- Mary will check with the firm in Aspen that sells longer-life batteries.

3.c Holiday Lighting & Dark Skies Discussion

- Clint stated this item was brought up at the Jan. 8th Council meeting. The code is very outdated, and Council directed staff to review the code. Clint is asking EAB for any thoughts and insight on how to set the measurements for a new code. Where do we find the balance? The current code applies to the ski season. Would the EAB board develop recommendations for the quantity, time, and how long to assist staff in updating the current code.
- Regarding the dark skies and outdoor lighting discussion, please find the resources referenced in our meeting listed below:
 - Staff Report for January 8 Town Council Meeting: https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/2367278/Pages_14-15_Agenda_Item_Summary_-_Lighting_Policies_Regulations_Discussion.pdf
 - Chapter 18 Section XIII of the Municipal Code: https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/2367279/Pages_16-21_ARTICLE_XIII_Outdoor_Lighting.pdf
 - City of Aspen Lighting Code Updates: <https://aspen.gov/1397/Outdoor-Lighting-Code-Updates>
 - City of Aspen Ordinance 12-2023: https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/2367280/Pages_22-44_Aspen_Ordinance-12-Series-of-2023--Outdoor-Lighting.pdf

3.d Town Projects Update & Discussion

- The ASC master plan is being presented to the Planning Commission and Town Council. Clint noted this is still very early in the process, but EAB could start reviewing the plan and make recommendations.



- Joseph questioned what the Forest Service was doing to ensure the ASC was compliant. Clint recommended that if you want to understand the lease agreement, you can write a letter to the forest service and address any concerns you may have.
- [Snowmass Mountain PUD Amendment information](#)
- Drawsite Workforce Housing
- This project is also in the early stages of development, attached is information for you to review.
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4) UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

5) C.O.R.E UPDATE

- Electrification study continuing in Snowmass. CORE is starting with the smaller businesses, Anderson Ranch, Chapel... If you have any other ideas send them to Mary.

6) NEXT MEETING DATE

- March 5th, 2024

7) NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- **Childcare in Snowmass Village**

For those interested in the Little Red Schoolhouse expansion project, that information is on our website: <https://tosv.com/571/Early-Childhood-Education>

8) ADJOURNMENT