Environmental Advisory Board
Regular Environmental Advisory Board Minutes
Tuesday, September 5, 2023
3:30 PM
130 Kearns Road

1. ROLL CALL

EAB Members Present: Andrew Wickes, Joseph Goodman, Morgan Fixel, Mike Steiner, Kirby Jacobs

EAB Members Absent: Chris Tullar, CORE representative

Staff and Guests Present: Darrell Smith, SWSD
Staff: Greg LeBlanc

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Andrew Wickes motioned to approve the 08-01-23 Minutes. Mike Steiner seconded. All in favor.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.a. Composting Discussion

Greg LeBlanc provided an update on expanding the Town's residential composting program. Resources will be made available at Town Hall, Public Works, Housing and Rec Center to encourage more residents to compost.

LeBlanc shared that drop off location would remain at Public Works facility.

Andrew Wickes shared that he would engage the Snowmass Center to make commercial composting roll-away publicly available.

3.b. Water Station Discussion.

Greg LeBlanc updated the board that the water fountain at Town Hall was scheduled to be upgraded with a bottle fill station.

Future upgrades to Town Facilities would include fill stations.

3.c. Daylighting Streams Discussion

Robust discussion about access to free-flowing waterways in the Village by the Board. Greg LeBlanc explained that many of the enclosed waterways within the Village were on private land and could not likely be daylighted without immense cost or action by the landowner. This is further complicated by the fact that the largest landowner in town, SkiCo, leases its lands from the USFS, and is bound by law to not unduly negatively impact water.

The discussion devolved into a broader discussion about sediments on roadways. Goodman and Fixel expressed interest in alternatives to applying grit to roadways in the winter months. LeBlanc explained the need for grit for the safety of the public who live, work and utilize the ski area.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Sustainability survey.

CORE UPDATE

No CORE representative in attendance.

HCE UPDATE

Holy Cross Energy is approaching 90% renewable energy by the end of next year. Mike Steiner highlighted the need for increased battery storage. Projects are progressing in Parachute, Rifle, and area. Holy Cross Energy is working on more local renewable projects.

NEXT MEETING DATE

October 3, 2023

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The board indicated interest in surveying the residents of Snowmass Village about various sustainability items.

ADJOURNMENT