



Environmental Advisory Board
Regular Environmental Advisory Board Minutes
Tuesday, August 1, 2023
3:30 PM
130 Kearns Road

1. ROLL CALL

EAB Members Present: Joseph Goodman, Morgan Fixel, Chris Tullar, Mike Steiner, Kirby Jacobs

EAB Members Absent: Andrew Wickes, Ryland French (Ryland is leaving CORE, and a new CORE representative will be appointed)

Staff and Guests Present: Jamie Mcmannis; CORE, Darrell Smith; Water and Sanitation District, Dallas Blaney; CORE
Staff: Greg LeBlanc

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. a Approval of Minutes

[07-05-23 EAB Minutes.pdf](#)

Chris motioned to approve the 07-05-23 Minutes. All in favor

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.a Composting discussion.

At the last meeting, the board asked this be discussed. Greg provided background on the current program. Snowmass Village implemented a town-wide pilot program two years ago. A receptacle was placed at the Public Works Department, where residents could drop off their compost and pick up free home receptacle bins. So far, the program has had moderate success. Last year in the biannual community survey, residents were asked, "How do you like the composting program?" The response was 50/50, don't add anything to their trash bill, so the Town has left it as is in the pilot phase.

Board comments:

- Increase awareness first.
- 2nd, design a marketing campaign to increase the participation

- Partnered with Pitkin County to amplify the efforts.
- Budget to provide free compostable bag liners to residents. Use this as a way to promote composting.
- Pickup new bags at compost drop-off sites and possibly Town Hall
- Connect with school children to create posters like the Recycle Colorado promotions.

***Action Item-** Research costs for compostable compost 1-gallon and 3-gallon bags
 Look at different distribution points
 Add to budget.

3.b Water station discussion.

Darrell from Water and Sanitation looked at how best to answer this question- “How can I get residents not to buy plastic water bottles at the store?” One option is to encourage guests to use recyclable bottles. Promote free fresh water, market the outstanding quality of town water, provide reusable water bottles at cost, and create a marketing campaign for refillable water bottles. Darrell found a refill station by the water feature in Base Village, but it only works during the summer months. Darrell envisions a perfect location on the wall next to Clarks Market.

Points the board discussed:

- Board wants to see more refill stations throughout the Town. One issue you run into is many locations are privately owned. The EAB board could recommend that the Town Council update the building code requiring refill stations with any redevelopment or new development.
- Could there be incentives to get private developers to install refill stations? This will need more discussion. There are issues of liability, operations & maintenance, installation costs, and who pays the water bill that need more investigation.
- The board must focus on encouraging guests to use refillable water bottles, discouraging them from using single-use plastics.

***Action Item-**

- Figure out how to get more refill stations in the Town.
- Greg will approach colleagues to see what projects are coming online and where we could install a water refill station.
- Identify potential locations.

3.c Daylighting streams discussion.

Joseph was unavailable, the board agreed to roll it to the next meeting.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- Composting Campaign- cost to provide free bags
- Potential refill station locations
- Daylighting streams discussion.

CORE UPDATE

Dallas, with CORE, informed the board of the staffing changes. Ryland will be with CORE through August 10. They are in the process of developing the job description and will be posting the opening soon. CORE received a National Prize, the Rural Electrification Prize, through the Dept of Energy, for \$100,000. The goal is to implement steps to further coordinate activities with the other non-profits in preparation for advancing our ambition to electrify multi-family homes in the Roaring Fork Valley and beyond. CORE is excited to work with the Town of Snowmass on the two projects listed in their Scope of Work.

Green Electronic Showcase at TACAW on the 23rd- if you know of any vendors that would like to participate, please let Dallas know.

HCE UPDATE

Big projects online are making it possible to reach 90% renewable energy by the end of next year. With this, the need for batteries is bigger than ever, trying to manage renewable energy and keep costs low. Projects are progressing in Parachute, Rifle, and a pilot program at the Aspen High School. Holy Cross is working on more local renewable projects.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Sept. 5th, 2023

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT