

Jefferson County Sustainability Commission Regular Meeting
May 8, 2019 • 4:00 p.m.
Lakewood 5542, Jefferson County Counts & Admin Building

Jeff Wong, Chair, call meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Sustainability Members:

Rachel Emmer, Sydney Hamilton, Kimberly Pardue, Jeff Wong, Alex Pray, Erich Harris*, Frank Rukavina, Matt Mines, Scott Hutchings*

*Members attended via phone

Other attendees:

Jabez Meulemans, Jefferson County Sustainability Coordinator
Deb Churchill, Board of County Commissioners (“BCC”), Chief of Staff
Renee Azerbegi, Recycle Colorado, Jeffco Schools Recycle
Barb Mills-Bria, Jeffco Schools Recycles in Evergreen

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Internal Project Updates: Communications

Alex and Kimberly have been developing a communication plan that includes outreach to BCC, website updates, Engage JeffCo and utilization of county social media. With the help of Deb, a meeting will be coordinated with Julie Story at JeffCo Public Affairs to provide more guidance on how to best use county resources and outlets.

Deb will update the commissions website as sustainability tips and resources are developed. Engage JeffCo stories will link back to the commission's website. Kimberly has put together one sustainability tip already and will develop others to put on the website/Engage JeffCo. Jabez has previously provided internal (county staff facing) tips and public facing PIE updates. Some of the tips could be had with or duplicated on the public health page.

Internal Project Updates: WebEx Evaluation

Alex has prepared a draft including comments provided by other commission members. Per comments from Deb, this document should be generalized so it could be adopted by other county groups. The document should also include the needs to execute the remote calling (webcam, webex access, and support staff) Once these updates are done, it can be shared with Steve Snyder, County Attorney Office, for a legal review and invite Steve to share comments and thoughts with the group. Additionally Commissioner Dahlkemper is expected at the June meeting and can provide input.

Internal Project Updates: 2018 Activities Summary and Update to BCC

Frank provided printed out draft of the activities. There are still additional needs to better document successes to communicate w/ BCC and plan for next year. Frank will share the draft digitally (email to Alex to add to google docs). Brendle group has already created a Partners In Energy specific recap of the year that will be added as an appendix. Intent is to present this document to BCC as soon as possible and share content with public (through website/public affairs). Sydney will help in putting together initial infographic type document for public facing document.

Additional needs for this document before presenting are: Groups/Individuals that attended commission meetings and presented to the commission and any specific numbers available from PIE. Intend to have all commission members review and update before next meeting.

Jefferson County Sustainability Coordinator Initiatives

Jabez provided recap of Earth Day event. About 100 LEDs handed out. Jabez now has a display with different light bulbs and their kilowatt consumption; this could be used in future educational events. Event was largely a destination event and attendees were already generally on board with message. Rachel stated that it did provide a valuable networking opportunity to hear about other green and sustainable things happening within the county. Kimberly specifically highlighted the composting efforts of Open Space; there is potential to highlight this work or help expand this effort within Open Space or other county departments. Public Health had a large presence as well.

Jefferson County Energy Resource Conservation Policy

Rachel has been reviewing comparable policies from local municipalities. The JeffCo policy was updated in 2014 and well written. Potential for some revisions to reflect the current state of resource conservation practices and county initiatives. Rachel to provide more detailed update at the next meeting.

PIE 2019 MOU Renewal

Brendle is helping with the MOU extension/renewal. Commission members met with Brendle and other county stakeholders in March to wrap up the program and discuss takeaways. This provided a valuable opportunity to communicate with other departments and continue to building connections and outreach with the county.

The MOU extension will need to be presented to the BCC; a preview of the project will be given to Commissioner Dahlkemper during the next meeting. Extension/renewal will also need legal approval from Steve. Xcel is expected to continue funding as well as provide “conservation kits” to be distributed at the commission’s discretion.

Jeff is reaching out to other departments that may benefit from residential PIE resources. Erich is continuing to help organize commercial C-PACE workshops. Commission will consider creating a working group to provide targeted outreach to contractors, banks, decision makers.

Other Projects/Updates

Waste benchmarking: Sydney is continuing to research waste benchmarking opportunities. JeffCo Schools Recycle! had two representatives at the meeting that are working with students to improve recycling within the schools. Renee provided a handout to everyone in the meeting that states the organizations mission, goals, and priorities. The group has had to customize approach for each school based on the resources and desires of the school staff, kitchen staff, and administrators. Sydney will continue to explore where the commission can help: outreach, education, promote. Group has plans to meet with Hal Corin-Energy Manager about styrofoam trays and other issues. Doing research into how State Senate Bill 192 can help.

Annual Sustainability Award: Commission to developed award to offer to local businesses, groups, or individuals. Erich to prepare potential criteria for the commission to consider.

Energy Code Update: Two state bills passed to require updates of building codes around the state. A recap and impact assessment to be provided at the next meeting. Commission to have a larger discussion on whether or not these types of legislation are something the commission can endorse in the future.

Sexual Harassment Training: Jeff to forward link again for training. To take care of this first thing in the June meeting.

Move to Advisory Commission: Potential was discussed, but the BCC should first be briefed on accomplishments and credentials of commission members. It was not in the original commission charter to provide policy input. Next steps would also include modifying the mission statement of the commission and expanding role. This idea will be further brainstormed in the June Meeting.

Next Meeting on June 12th, 2019 in the Golden Room

Meeting adjourned 5:35 p.m.