

Jefferson County Sustainability Commission Regular Meeting
July 10, 2019 • 4:00 p.m.
Pleasant View Conference Room, Jefferson County Courts & Admin Building

Jeff Wong, Chair, call meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Sustainability Members:

Rachel Emmer (RE), Jeff Wong(JW), Alex Pray (AP), Erich Harris (EH) , Kimberly Pardue Welch (KPW), Syndey Hamilton (SH), Matt Mines (MM), Frank Rukavina (FR)

Other attendees:

Phil Nelson and Tom XX, Citizens Climate Lobby
Deborah Churchill (DC), Jefferson County

Public Comment

No public comment

Approval of Minutes - May 2019, June 2019

Rachel approved minutes, Matt seconds

Partners in Energy MOU update - Jabez and JW

- Planned briefing to BCC for 23rd of July, in the morning. DC is scheduling and will act as county representative. JW and Jabez to be present. Brendle Group representative(s) will be invited.
- If initially approved by BCC it will be moved to a hearing. First it would be heard is July 30th.
- Upon approval of the MOU by the BCC, energy conservation kits can begin to be distributed.
 - Jeff has idea for County Fair and Festival as first opportunity to distribute

Guests from Citizens Climate Lobby

- Phil presents current outreach work in Jefferson County (with attached handout). The Golden chapter covers the same area as Colorado District 7. The chapter send out surveys for public opinion; results were forwards onto Rep. Perlmutter. Citizen Climate Lobby has survey results that they are offering to share with Sustainability Commission.
- Phil also gives talks to interested groups (most recently regarding wildfires impacts).
- The Citizens Climate Lobby is hosting a planning panel on Sept 13th at the Denver Press Club, and would like county participation. They are hoping for perspectives on how climate change is being addressed at City/County level.
- Tom provided an overview of bill and concept that the Lobby is focusing on: Fee and Dividend H.R. 763: a fee on fossil fuel sources and dividend provided 100% to

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households. The attached handout details bill and potential benefits. Bill was introduced last December. Additional details available at EnergyInnovationAct.org

2018 Summary

- SH has created an infographic for 2018 accomplishments. The current iteration has petals with links to different section of 2018 summary document. Could be used in Engage JeffCo Link
- FR has sent to AP and JW. AP has shared on google drive. Comments will be taken through 7/17 prior to sharing with BCC

Treasurer Funds

- EH wants to provide periodic updates.
- Discussion of ideas/needs for funding. JW suggests using for fair/event registration. RE suggests simple branded flag/banner. KWP to work with public affairs and DC on branding and pricing for a banner.

Energy Resource Conservation Policy Update:

- Existing document was for internal county work/facilities. RE suggests the commission push the county to create a policy with more teeth. RE advocating for sustainability commission to develop climate action plan and necessary policies will follow.
- Initial draft will call on resources and other CAPs around the state. Denver's plan could act as the model.
- This will require BCC buy-in prior to moving forward on plan. Will also take some public outreach to ensure plan reflects the county.
- As this development starts, there may be professional help or grants available. Metrics gathering, benchmarking would be critical to enforcement. DOLA grants, polluters fund through CDPHE- EH looking into this.
- This idea can be include this in conversation with BCC following 2018 wrap up.

Waste Benchmarking

- SH: value in including waste in CAP. will need to start as outreach and education.
- SH and KWP working together to get materials ready. Can include materials at PIE events and CSU-Extension event.

Jefferson County Fair August 9-11:

- JW to send sign up for both. Looking for other opportunities for finding events and holding our own events. Could look into farmer's markets around the county.

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Communication Plan

- KWP compiled tips through December for Engage JeffCo.
- Website updates: send updates to DC, should plan ahead as much as possible.
- Alex to provide updates to communication plan and include calendar with tips. Can create calendar on website to promote events, holidays.

Sustainability Awards

- EH's draft was reviewed for potential award criteria.
- Annual "commissioner awards" at staff appreciation on 9/12. Any comments on draft should be provided back by 7/19

WebEx

- Based on conversation at last meeting WebEx should be set up for every month to continue testing.
- More robust testing of hardware and software needs/limitations is needed. Even in testing this can provide value to commission members who are not able to make in person.

Sexual harassment Training

- Postponed until next month's meeting

Next Meeting on August 14th, 2019

Meeting Adjourned 5:32 p.m.