



**Jefferson County Sustainability Commission Regular Meeting
Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2021 • 4:00 p.m.**

Convened: 4:00pm

Attendees:

Commission Members: Kevin Morse (KM), Conor Merrigan (CM), Jeff Wong (JW), Cedar Blazek (CB), Julia Patrick (JP) and Jasmina Petrovic (JPe)

Absent: Frank Rukavina (FR), Kimberly Pardue Welch (KPW) and Matt Mines (MM)

County Staff: Jabez Meulemans (JM), Deborah Churchill (DC), Kate Newman (KN), Steven Snyder (SS) and Doris Allen (DA)

Public Comment

Dar-Lon Chang, representing a GEO Neighborhood in Arvada, asked the board to consider changes in gas line extensions, rules and regulations. JW explained the Commission is an advisory board only. All regulation changes, requests will need to be directed to the Board of County Commissioners. DC offered to help and asked him to reach out to her directly for further information.

Approval of Minutes – March 10, 2021

KM made motion to approve. JP second motion. All in favor.

County Updates

Heather Gutherless and Felicity Selvoski, Planning & Zoning, let the group know Jefferson County is updating Wind Energy Regulations. They gave a brief overview of updates. Comment period is open. Ms. Gutherless will send details to DC to distribute to commission members.

JM let the group know he has received Partners in Energy (PIE) LED light bulb conservation kits for future distribution.

Communications Plan

JP shared the location and a preview of the Communication Plan. She asked if anyone has any additions for now, or in the future, to let both she and DC know.

Vice Chair Election

JW let members know that FR would step down to allow newer members the opportunity to serve as Vice Chair for the year. By doing so, it would allow new members to be more involved from that perspective and provide an overview of what would occur should they desire to be Chair in the coming years.

JW asked if anyone was interested. No members were interested at this time. Subject will be brought back for discussion at later date.

Sustainability Foundation Fund Update

KM gave an update on fundraising efforts to-date. \$60,000 mark almost reached, approx. \$55,000 received including 39 individuals and 8 corporate sponsorships.

JW let the group know he and KM briefing the Board of County Commissioners on March 23, 2021. Briefing went well with the Board agreeing to give up to \$2,000 to fundraising efforts. At that time, the \$2,000 was what was anticipated to meet the \$60,000 fundraising goal. The Board had questions regarding on-going staffing and budget needs of Climate Action Plan. They asked County Manager, Don Davis, to go back and work with staff and bring back a plan for the Board's consideration. That briefing will occur on May 4, 2021. DC will share link with members should they want to listen into discussion.

Climate Action Plan RFP Update

JW sent a draft RFP to DC. He has two questions regarding county departments and municipalities involvement as part of the RFP review process. JW will send questions to DC to determine next steps and action items related to both.

Jeffco League of Women Voters request

JW let members know League of Women Voters have reached out and asked for a member to attend their next meeting, May 3. He is unable to attend and asked if a member could attend to let him know.

ICLEI Greenhouse Gas Emissions SOW

DC confirmed the SOW received is the latest. JM has received and has begun to work on it with SS.

Partners in Energy Residential Renewable Energy

CB has work with Brendle Group to create new graphics for residential program. She has uploaded into Dropbox for everyone to review and provide feedback.

Library Partnership

JP provide a general overview of partnership and April Fool's Day initiative, which included a reference to sustainability.

Commercial

Now that the bulk of the fundraising efforts are over, KM will now begin to focus more on the Partners in Energy efforts and report back at next meeting.

Sustainability Awards

Seven nominations were received. JW will send information to members for their selections. Awards are tentatively scheduled for April 27. DC will order award and prepare for presentation at Board of County Commissioners hearing.

State Legislation update

Jan Rose, Citizens for Livable Climate, gave a brief overview of recent, and pending, legislation. JW asked her to share presentation with the group. She will send to JW.

Staff Support Transition

DC shared with the Commission she will no longer be staff support. Support responsibilities will transition to Kate Newman, Deputy County Manager, and her staff moving forward. All on-going as well as items mentioned in this meeting, will be reviewed with Ms. Newman to handle moving forward.

Adjourned: 5:30pm