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MINUTES

Laramie/Albany County Environmental Advisory Committee Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 6:03 pm.

Members present: Mary Grace Bedwell, Ramsey Bently, Evelyn Hill, Rhiannon Jakopak, Harry Plendl, Eric Krszjzaniek, and Ellen Curran.

Members absent:

There was a quorum present at all times.

Council Liaison: Erin O'Doherty (present).

County Liaison: Pete Gosar (present).

Staff Present: Darren Parkin, City Natural Resource Manager; Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk, and David Gertsch, County Planning Manager.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

2-A. Changes and Approval of Agenda

MOTION BY KRSZJZANIEK, seconded by Bedwell, to approve the agenda be approved as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote and raised hands.

2-B. Thursday, October 7, 2021 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION BY Jakopak, seconded by Bentley, to approve the Minutes from October 7, 2021 as written.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote and raised hands.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS - Non-Agenda Related Topics – No Action Can Be Taken

No Citizen Comments.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND STAFF: REPORTS AND COMMENTS

4.A. Harry Plendl EAC Resignation

4.B. Monika Leininger, Alliance for Renewable Energy (ARE) - Moving on to New Opportunities

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Ed Koncel recognized Monika Leininger's accomplishments and thanked her.

4.C. Gracen Wallen, City Manager's Office Intern Introduction

5. DISCLOSURES -- Ex-parte communications; potential conflicts of interest

No disclosures.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

6.A. Mrs. Ommen's 3rd-5th Grade Class Follow-Up

Speaker/Presenter: Harry Plendl

Mrs. Ommen will contact the EAC if there are any future projects. Wal-Mart has agreed to build a fence to help catch the trash.

6.B. Albany County Renewable Energy Subcommittee Report

Speaker/Presenter: Mary Grace Bedwell, Chair

They have been working on outlining distances, definitions, and reclamation. Commissioner Pete Gosar asked for additional impacts to wildlife.

6.C. Landfill Emissions Update - Landfill Subcommittee

Speaker/Presenter: Rhiannon Jakopak Chair

No updates at this time. Chair Currano asked about a future presentation on landfill emissions.

6.D. Climate Action Planning Taskforce

Speaker/Presenter: Mary Grace Bedwell / Erin O'Doherty

Member Bedwell thanked Jarad O'Brien.

Areas of interest for moving forward: plan should be robust, feasible, legal, work together to leverage our assets, effective, system thinking approach, community focused, focused on retention of people in our community, a meticulous plan that looks into many different levels, adaptable, adaptive, and visionary. Next steps will be to gather ideas for joint action.

6.E. MT2030 Update

Speaker/Presenter: Erin O'Doherty

Mountain Towns is developing a Community Guidebook. Laramie's accomplishments will be included.

6.F. Albany County Casper APOZ Regulations Update

Speaker/Presenter: - Pete Gosar / David Gertsch

Main points included: extension of western boundary with exclusion process, limits for future development to 35 acres or more, one dwelling per 35-acre septic system changes, nonconforming use, and site-specific investigations.

6.G. City/County CAPP Update Report

Speaker/Presenter: - David Gertsch / Darren Parkin

Contract will be reviewed again by the City Council and County Commissioners on December 7, 2021.

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7. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

8. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING - February 3, 2022

9. ADJOURN

MOTION BY BEDWELL, seconded by Plendl, to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote and raised hands.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Minutes taken by: _____ (Print)

Contact me at: _____ (phone number)