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MINUTES
Laramie/Albany County Environmental Advisory Committee
Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 6:00 PM
Via Zoom Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 6:04 PM

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

Members absent:

There was a quorum present at all times.

Council Liaison: Erin O'Doherty (present)

County Commission Liaison: Pete Gosar (absent)

Staff Present: Darren Parkin and Nancy Bartholomew

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

2-A. Changes and Approval of Agenda

MOTION BY KRSZJZANIEK, seconded by Bedwell, to approve the agenda as written.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote and raising hands.

2-B. Thursday, December 3, 2020 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION BY KRSZJZANIEK, seconded by Bedwell, to approve the Minutes as written.

Aye: 7

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote and raising 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. Salisbury, Maryland Utilizing EAC's Emissions Reduction Recommendations – Parkin

4.B. Intergovernmental Collaboration - City Council Goal, Clarify Role of EAC and Update and Adopt a Joint Aquifer Protection Plan for Municipal and County Governments - Parkin, O'Doherty & Gosar

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

No disclosures.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

6.A. Rail Tie Wind Project - Albany County for Smart Energy Development, Paul Montoya

Speaker/Presenter: Paul Montoya

Paul Montoya gave PowerPoint presentation to the committee and recommendation to create the following EAC recommendation to City Council and the Albany County Commissioners “Industrial Wind facilities have a 5-mile buffer from any National Forest, State Park, Wildlife Preserve, National or State Monument, or Scenic Bi-way.”

6.B. Laramie Mobile Station - Katie Wolf, Natural Resource Program Principal and Cara Keslar, Monitoring Section Supervisor, WYDEQ Air Quality Division

Speaker/Presenter: Darren Parkin gave background information. Katie Wolf gave PowerPoint presentation and Cara Kesler answered questions.

WYDEQ are looking for suggestions for a location for the mobile monitoring station and interest in continuing efforts for monitoring over the next two years.

MOTION BY JAKOPAK, seconded by Bedwell, to find a place for the mobile monitoring station for the next two years.

Aye: 7

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote and hand raising.

Evelyn Hill agreed to work with Darren Parkin to find a possible location on the Northwest side of Laramie.

6.C. Update on the Airborne Geophysical Study of the Casper Aquifer Near Laramie, WY - Eva Smith, UW Graduate Student, Department of Geology and Geophysics

Speaker/Presenter: Eva Smith

Eva Smith gave PowerPoint presentation.

Dr. Brad Carr helped answer questions.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

7.A. Solar Net Metering Bill (SFO016) Update - Net-Metering Subcommittee

Speaker/Presenter: Ellen Currano gave a summary of the progress of this bill.

Monika Leininger (ARE) gave additional information and suggested the community should look at a community solar or power purchase agreement.

7.B. Municipal Landfill Emissions Update - Municipal Waste Reduction Subcommittee

Speaker/Presenter: Rhiannon Jakopak

Hill, Bedwell, and Jakopak are looking at ways to reduce carbon emissions from the landfill. Suggestions so far are to increase education on community recycling and reduce contaminations in the recycling bins.

8. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING – April 1, 2021

9. ADJOURN

MOTION BY PLENDL, seconded by Krszjzaniek, to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: 7

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote and raised hands.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Minutes taken by: Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk (Print)

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