

Ecology Advisory Board Meeting Notes

July 16, 2019

Outdoors – Town Hall Plaza

Attendance: Steve Simms, Fay Marshall, Garima Fairfax, Greg Lowell; Carse Pustmueller, public

Simms opened began meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Approval of minutes from May and June: Unable to act on as there was no quorum of members who attended those meetings.

Town Trees – Fairfax reported on tree issues she and Ron Gosnell had discovered. Post Office trees have broken irrigation emitters; postmistress was told and she said repair was not a priority. Fairfax asked Marshall to report the situation to Cosgrove in their monthly meeting. Fairfax also asked if Town could check operation of irrigation system on Main St. (both sides); locust tree near Bella La Crema seems dead – Gosnell suspects it may have been poisoned. The bald cypress tree near Ferguson’s looks dry and scarlet oak near Oskar Blues also seems dry. Fairfax suspects irrigation may need to be fixed or adjusted.

Apple Valley Buyout Properties – Lowell received comments and edits to the statement he wrote for Ecology Board to support their motion on accepting AV buyout properties that Boulder County would like Town to take possession of. Discussion ensued on economic benefit of the parcels, quality of life aspects, wildlife habitat benefit and general ecological values. The Sustainable Futures Survey given to Town residents showed one of their highest priorities is the ecology of the Town.

Lowell made motion:

Motion: That the Ecology Advisory Board recommend to the Town Of Lyons Board of Trustees that the Town accept all buyout properties in the Apple valley area that have been offered to the Town by Boulder County.

Fairfax second; no further discussion; all aye. Motion passes

Lowell will make suggested changes to the supporting statement and pass on to Trustee Karavas to give to BOT.

No Net Loss – Simms asked if there were plans to replace the trees lost in construction of the Bohn Park skate park. Cosgrove informed EAB that trees in Lyons River park that are not thriving will be replaced. Simms said we need a formal statement on “no net loss” of trees. Marshall disagreed, saying EAB should not be in the business of apologizing when with Town approval certain trees are removed. Further discussion on the concept of no net loss policy; consensus was that it should be part of tree ordinance. Pustmueller said we still need to do inventory of heritage trees in Lyons.

Osprey platform at LVRP – Information on this potential artificial nesting site still unclear.

Arboretum Publicity – Simms will follow up with newspaper columnist and Cooperative Extension person O’Malley about writing column of WA.

Historical clippings – Simms talked to Town Administrator Simonsen who said she would facilitate Web postings of these.

Weed Group – Pustmueller asked what protocol is for herbicide issues; Marshall said weed group should interface directly with Cosgrove.

Botanic Gardens – Fairfax said mulching and cardboard has been put down; shed is done and fencing will go up soon. Work groups gather Tuesday and Sunday mornings.

Public Outreach – movie still on for September at Stonebridge Farm

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

POST MEETING ACTION ITEMS

Action	Assigned To	Deadline
As noted above under “Action Items”		

DECISIONS MADE

As noted above

NEXT MEETING

AUGUST 20, 2019 6:30 P.M., TOWN HALL

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Lowell EAB 2nd Vice Chair