



## UEB Meeting Minutes, July 7, 2021

**Meeting Time and Location:** Began at 4:30pm. Held remote via Zoom meeting.

**Attendance:** Jim Kerr, Lee Hall, Jerry Rotz, Chris Meline, Chris Cope

**Staff:** Aaron Caplan

**Liaison:** Mike Karavas

**Guests:** None

### 1. Amendments to Agenda

None

### 2. Approve Minutes from June 16, 2021

**Approved Unanimously**

### 3. Audience Business.

None

### 4. Upcoming Meetings

- 2nd Ave Bridge Grand Opening and Dedication - tomorrow July 8th
- MEAN Committee and Management Meetings - August 18-10 ???, 2021. Jim Kerr plans to attend

### 5. Updates

a) Board of Trustees, Mike Karavas

At the 6 July BOT meeting the board:

- Passed the 1st Reading of "Ordinance 1102 – An Ordinance Of The Town Of Lyons, Colorado Amending Sections Of The LMC Addressing Condominiumization Regulations" with an amendment to require the developer to pay for all applicable tap fees and water shares unless a waiver is approved by the Board of Trustees.
- Passed the 1st Reading of "Ordinance 1103 – An Ordinance Of The Town Of Lyons, Colorado Amending LMC Net Metering Policies" with an amendment to

shorten the sunset period for existing customers from January 2030 to January 2026.

- Directed staff to pursue the Solar Farm with battery option at the Bike Park location. Did not get into discussing the backup location.
- Did not waive Summit housing utility tap fees or water shares.

#### b) Staff, Engineering. Aaron Caplan

Longs Peak Project - Plan to delay start to January 2022 to reduce costs. Can start in winter but would likely need to delay asphalt until April. Due to high costs will plan to have contractors install conduit but not do additional electrical undergrounding until a future project.

Losing Town temporary finance director at the end of July which could impact projects. Wastewater Treatment Plant - Rerating site approval expires July 30th. Plan to file for \$800 for extension.

#### c) UEB Chair – Jim Kerr

Sensus provides daily meter reading files which can be uploaded into a data warehouse for analysis of data for future projects such as changing the electrical rate structure to time of use billing. This should be a much cheaper solution than paying for the Sensus meter data management system.

#### d) Other UEB Members

Lee Hall requested that Aaron talk with Chris La May of DOLA to see if the Solar Farm grant application should be limited to \$1 million dollars. Aaron also to reach out to director of Boulder County Open Space to see if they might support an exception to the Conservation Easement on Lots E or F for a Solar Farm. Aaron also to look into whether the Electric Fund can expend ~\$250,000 for the Solar Farm or if it can be borrowed from another of the Town's enterprise funds.

#### 6. Library Rooftop Solar Requested Exception Review

The library submitted an application to install a 25.5 kW rooftop solar. It was noted that this is for 25.5 kW AC and it appears MEAN has a requirement that any Lyons installation over 25 kW DC would require approval by the MEAN management board. The library application is for a 32 kW DC nameplate installation. The 7 kW exceedance would likely also count towards the MEAN 5 percent municipally-owned generation cap as it is over the 25 kW DC limit. If so it would require a reduction in the size of the

proposed Lyons solar farm. Aaron agreed not to approve the application unless the size was reduced to under the 25 kW DC limit or it is found that our understanding of the MEAN requirement is wrong. Jim Kerr will obtain the latest MEAN Distributed Generation policy and provide it to the UEB.

#### 8. Comprehensive Plan Questionnaire Review

Discussion how often utility studies need to be updated. Not clear any studies other than Comprehensive Plan need paid updates.

Should we come up with survey questions?

Mention of North 2nd avenue needing priority.

Chris Meline mentioned that the wastewater plans he was previously involved with were updated every 5 years. Given the amount of analysis given the wastewater treatment plant lately it does not appear to require a paid update at this time.

No real direction was provided on the questionnaire. Jim Kerr will put the questionnaire in google document form and send it out for review like the meeting minutes. The plan is to approve the questionnaire for submission to the PCDC at the next UEB meeting.

Meeting ended: 6:01 pm. Minutes Submitted by: Jim Kerr