

Sustainable Futures Commission

Draft Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 14, 2021

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Remote via Zoom

SFC members: Jeff Christy, Dave Hatchimonji, Dan Matsch, Dawn Weller, Kara Bauman, David Decoster

BOT Liaison: Nick Angelo

Town: Kim Mitchell

SFC minutes for 6/10/2021 approved by SFC

Ben Rodman, who provided staff support to SFC, is no longer employed with the Town. No formal funding in place to replace this support.

Limb/log/slash event is postponed indefinitely due to reduced staff and volunteer support not finalized

- Nick will contact Wildfire Task Force to request they consider taking the lead with this event
- SFC may request Ecology Board and Parks & Rec to participate if needed

Diversion Day tentatively planned for Aug. 28 is on hold

Kiss the Ground movie & Q&A

- Movie is about carbon farming and soil building around the world
- SFC supports bringing this movie and discussion to Lyons
- Betsy Burton has offered to host event at the Farmette (weekend evening in August or weekend in October)
- Dave H will request Tim Baraga to participate in the Q&A portion
- Dan M can share his experience of carbon farming
- Dan M will work with Betsy to schedule

Proposed Lyons Solar Garden discussion

- Three potential locations: west end dog park, TOL open space adjacent to/south of dog park, or behind dirt jump park in Bohn Park
- Each location has pros and cons
- Bohn Park - closest to 3-phase power, garden would not be expandable, would require voter approval process
- Dog Park - treasured amenity, additional cost to bring power to grid, zoned municipal so no vote required, does have expansion capability
- TOL open space - additional cost to bring power to grid, annexation required, Boulder County covenants would need amendment allowing a solar garden use, expansion capable
- Dave H suggested partnering with eastern plains community on a solar project due to

extremely high land costs in Boulder County; project could be more affordable and improve ROI

- SFC does not have a formal position at this time

Net metering in Lyons

- 1st reading of net metering ordinance took place at BOT meeting 7/6/21
- Would significantly decrease solar buy back rate (from retail to wholesale rate)
- Includes a 10kW limit per household
- Grandfather clause does not apply if/when panels or inverters need replacement
- SFC does not have a formal position at this time

Electric fences in Town prohibited by ordinance

- Citizen requests to install electric fences in town to protect chickens, bee hives, etc.
- SFC supports Nick requesting the ordinance be changed to permit this use

Discussion of Ecology Advisory Board 29 page position statement/input submitted to BOT and Comprehensive Plan committee

- SFC supports the comp plan process and does not have a position re the document

Proposed Level 3 charging station discussion

- Nick concerned about the amount of power required for charging station
- More research required
- Nick will touch bases with Aaron Caplan to discuss impacts

TOL & Cemex committee

- No meetings scheduled yet

Next SFC meeting Wed, Aug. 11, 6:30 at Town Hall