

**CITY OF BOULDER, COLORADO  
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SUMMARY**

**NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION:** Environmental Advisory Board

**DATE OF MEETING:** April 6, 2016

**NAME/TELEPHONE OF PERSON PREPARING SUMMARY:** Sandy Briggs, 303-441-1931.

**NAMES OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND INVITED GUESTS PRESENT:**

**Environmental Advisory Board Members Present:** Tim Hillman, Morgan Lommele, Brad Queen, Karen Crofton and Christina Gosnell.

**Staff Members Present:** Brett KenCairn, Elyse Hottel, Eitan Kantor, Valerie Matheson and Jennifer Riley.

**Community Members Present:** Brenda Lee and Odile Fazioni.

**MEETING SUMMARY:**

❖ **Public Participation – Black Bear Protection Ordinance**

- **K. Crofton** asked about equal representation from the community and if the Boulder Bear Coalition could guarantee their ability to speak for everyone. This will be addressed during **V. Matheson's** staff presentation.

❖ **Sustainability Dashboard Memo, Q&A with Elyse Hottel**

- The board made the following points and requests:
  - The structure and data presented should be audience-driven, succinct and easy to digest at high levels before becoming more detailed the deeper one dives.
  - The objectives were questioned – is the reporting intended to influence behavior or validate the value of city expenditures? Or both?
  - They would like to understand both what the objectives are as well as how dashboard design is intended to accomplish them.
  - They requested an update in July before the soft rollout.

❖ **Black Bear Protection Ordinance Update Memo, Q&A with Valerie Matheson**

- The board questioned whether the data accurately reflects bear activity when the bears may simply be moving to other areas that are not being monitored.
- They also asked if any other mitigation options were being considered to compare to the current plan.
- The board agreed about the need to determine where the allotted funds would do the most good but questioned whether the CPW study would be useful in resolving the problem.
- They disagreed about the necessity and feasibility of creating a cost/benefit analysis for what is ultimately considered research.

❖ **Planning for Joint Board Open House**

- The board suggested including an introduction to the presentation explaining the mandate of the EAB, the background and context for having a joint meeting, along with an explanation as to why the other boards were invited and what their roles are in the larger picture.

- It was also suggested that a Council Member be invited to present a short Key Note speech reminding the group that Boulder's Climate Commitment is the number one city priority and highlight the value of integrating and coordinating together towards addressing this main concern.
- It was reiterated that the purpose of having a joint meeting is to consider objectives that are not part of the specific mandate of any individual board and to engage more diverse opinions and plant seeds for where the community wants and needs to go.
- The board agreed there needs to be a consensus regarding what the desired outcomes are and what the EAB is advocating. It's the EAB's job to help the other boards understand how the Climate Commitment affects their decisions and how to make those decisions with Climate Commitment in mind.
- The board decided to facilitate breakout groups consisting of one EAB member and other present board members together with their respective boards. The assignments are as follows:
  - **T. Hillman** – Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
  - **M. Lommele** – Open Space Board of Trustees
  - **B. Queen** – Planning Board
  - **K. Crofton** – Landmarks Board
  - **C. Gosnell** – Transportation Advisory Board
- The EAB will provide each group with three tailored questions relevant to the particular board's expertise and purview. For example:
  - [Something specific to the particular board and how their work relates to Climate Commitment.]
  - What are your core concerns?
  - How would you engage the community? What are the mechanisms, strategies and issues around accomplishing this?

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Environmental Advisory Board Chair **T. Hillman** declared a quorum called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

## 2. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

### A. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by **B. Queen**, seconded by **K. Crofton**, the Environmental Advisory Board voted 5-0 to approve the March 9, 2016 meeting minutes.

### B. Welcome and swearing in of new board member, Christina Gosnell

**C. Gosnell** read and signed the Oath of Office and was officially welcomed by the other members.

## 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- ❖ **Odile Fazoni**, community member, addressed the board regarding the proposed Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) study relating to bear management and her belief in the need for a community voice in the proceedings. She stressed that better communication could reduce the amount of misinformation and mistrust. Since the community is looking to the Boulder Bear Coalition (BBC) for answers about what is going on, she suggested they could be the bridge for this communication between the community, CPW and the city. She would like to

receive a schedule of future meetings by the end of April so she and the BBC can arrange to participate.

- ❖ **Brenda Lee**, founder of the Boulder Bear Coalition, addressed the board about enforcement of the Bear Protection Ordinance. She would like to see a system of checks and balances and more definitive plan in place for cross-jurisdictional communication about where the bears are and what they are doing.

She further believes when the CPW study begins the BBC needs to be fully engaged with the conversations and act as a liaison and voice for the community with CPW and the city. She stressed that since everyone's working together towards the same objectives, everything needs to be transparent and on the table.

#### **4. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

None.

#### **5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None.

#### **6. OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES**

##### **A. Sustainability Dashboard Memo, Q&A with Elyse Hottel**

**E. Hottel**, Sustainability Data Analyst for the Department of Planning, Housing + Sustainability, provided an overview of the citywide dashboard pilot and Open Records concepts that will launch on April 27. She answered questions regarding the progress of the C+S-specific Dashboard and the memo regarding its development provided to the board last month.

The board's comments are captured in the meeting summary.

##### **B. Black Bear Protection Ordinance Update Memo, Q&A with Valerie Matheson**

**V. Matheson**, Urban Wildlife Conservation Coordinator, updated the board on the progression of ordinance implementation with a three part presentation:

- Status of the phased enforcement approach,
- Bear activity waste cart monitoring,
- The proposed CPW study looking at urban bear activity and the options available to measure and mitigate human/bear confrontation while responsibly administering resources and management decisions.

**J. Riley**, Code Enforcement Supervisor, provided specific enforcement details regarding numbers of violations and tickets issued. She further explained the usefulness of learning where bears are going and what they are doing in determining where enforcement and education are needed most. She also clarified that Code Enforcement will respond to reports outside the Enforcement Area as needed.

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#### **7. MATTERS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD, CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY**

##### **A. Planning for Joint Board Open House**

**B. KenCairn** provided an outline of the proposed agenda for the Climate Commitment portion of the joint meeting and reminded the board that the biggest question is still how to bring the topic to the public in a meaningful way. This includes drawing from the

purviews of the different boards to enlist their assistance in determining how total systems transformation can occur from their perspectives. Additionally, he advocated widespread use of the public Climate Commitment survey in order to obtain the greatest possible amount of information and data.

The board discussed presentation content and physical logistics to ensure the meeting's greatest impact and success.

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## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Environmental Advisory Board adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Approved:

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Chair

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