

## **Neighborhood Sustainability Meeting**

Monday, 1/9/11, 5-7pm in 13<sup>th</sup> St Conf Room

Contact Kristen Hartel with any question or input, at [hartelk@bouldercolorado.gov](mailto:hartelk@bouldercolorado.gov), or call 303-441-1878.

Notes include:

1. Introductions
2. Focus on EnergySmart (presented by Andy Mazal and Dave Penzkover from EnergySmart)
3. Follow up from October's meeting
4. Other Resources and discussion points
5. Next steps and future meetings

### **Introductions:**

- What neighborhood are you from?
- How did you hear about the meeting?
- What does your dream neighborhood look like?

\*Contact info below only provided if requested by individual; only preferred mode of contact is listed

### **Present:**

Cathy Conery – Newlands

- Dream: more environmental focused with open networking opportunities

Zev Paiss – Norwood Co-Housing

- Was involved with ClimateSmart Neighborhood program
- Dream: a deepened sense of who lives near us in order to more effectively utilize our community's strengths and increase collaboration and trade with others
- [zevpaiss@gmail.com](mailto:zevpaiss@gmail.com)

Steve Gabel – Whittier

- Involved with ClimateSmart Neighborhood program
- Dream: happy people make for successful neighborhoods
- [sgabel@msn.com](mailto:sgabel@msn.com)

Crystal Gray – Whittier

- Previous City Council member
- Dream: diversity and collaboration
- \*Looking to get her NECO passes reinstated and distributed
- [graycrystal@comcast.net](mailto:graycrystal@comcast.net)

Mary Pettigrew – involved with Shanahan Ridge but lives in Table Mesa South; looking to start new group

- Dream: Consolidation of resources (ie: 1 neighborhood lawn mower, 1 snow blower)
- Interest in ReSource Tool Library and Local Share ([www.localshare.org](http://www.localshare.org))
- [mary@ampersand-design.com](mailto:mary@ampersand-design.com)

Steve Friedman – Wonderland Lake

- Recently moved here; heard about meeting from a neighbor
- Struggling to find consistent NECO pass leadership in his neighborhood
- Dream: Mutual contribution, support, & involvement
- Has launched a facebook page for his neighborhood group; efficient and simple way to keep neighbors updated
- Also interested in organizing a neighborhood household hazardous waste drop off day at his home, then taking all materials to the Hazardous Materials Management Facility

Lyndsie Clark – Sustainability Coordinator for Peloton Housing

- Dream: for HOA's to oversee and incorporate sustainability initiatives, such as NECO pass and composting
- Interest in trying to get NECO pass included in HOA budget; Peleton HOA has poor experience with previous NECO pass efforts 0 overpaid RTD for pass & did not get reimbursed
  - Hoping that NECO pass program & City can provide more knowledge and support to prevent similar instances from occurring
- [greenpeloton@gmail.com](mailto:greenpeloton@gmail.com)

Ruth Hartman – Poplar

- Dream: to help her neighbors save energy and money
- [Ruthhartman1@yahoo.com](mailto:Ruthhartman1@yahoo.com)

Brian Crawford – South Boulder/Table Mesa South (?)

- Heard about this from Community Cycles
- Dream: village, cooperative, deeper connection with local resources

Coby Royer – Martin Acres

- Dream: where people know each other; common values include safety, diversity, courtesy, community, and sustainability

Karen Worminghaus – Greater Holiday area/North Boulder

- Heard about this from Community Cycles
- eGo Car Share Director & NECO pass coordinator
- Dream: more mixed-use buildings; more bus riding and less cars; increased local resources, such as a library and grocery store; space to build connections with neighbors and utilize all resources and strengths

Tom White-O'Connor – Park East (Foothills & Baseline)

- Already lives in his dream neighborhood, which fosters community, communication, and collaboration
- Went through EnergySmart to achieve SmartRegs compliance for a rental property
- [tom@thewhiteconnorteam.com](mailto:tom@thewhiteconnorteam.com)

Doug Parker – Wonderland Lake

- Dream: increase collaboration

Kelle Boumansour – Martin Acres

- City staff member

- Dream: increased food sharing and collaborated growing; faces challenges with high student population in neighborhood

David Adamson – rolled in a few minutes late

- Works to bring together environmental and sustainability-related products and service providers
- Runs EcoBuild Inc. – “Solutions for Better Building” Manufacturers and Representatives
- [david@eco-build.com](mailto:david@eco-build.com)

Alison Rogers – Newlands

- Also came in later
- [Alirogers613@gmail.com](mailto:Alirogers613@gmail.com)

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**EnergySmart**, as presented by:

- Andy Mazal: Principal, Existing Homes Director ([Andy.Mazal@popboulder.com](mailto:Andy.Mazal@popboulder.com); 303-325-7650)
- Dave Penzkover, Senior EnergySmart Advisor ([Dave.Penzkover@popboulder.com](mailto:Dave.Penzkover@popboulder.com); 303-544-1000)

**What makes EnergySmart unique?**

- Personal Energy Advisor to walk residents, landlords, and businesses through the energy efficiency upgrade process
- Pathways for all housing types, including multifamily units, HOA’s, and rentals
- Access to free direct installs, including CFL’s, water-saving shower heads and faucet attachments, and water heater pipe insulation
- Exclusive access to rebates and financing options
- Non-biased expert support and recommendations; program is funded by American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and implemented in partnership by Boulder County, cities of Boulder and Longmont, Xcel, & Platte River Power Authority
- More info at [www.EnergySmartYES.com](http://www.EnergySmartYES.com), or call 303-544-1000

**Positive experiences relayed by:**

- Ruth Hartman (Poplar, contact info above)
  - Worked with an Energy Advisor for her home
- Tom White-O’Connor
  - Worked with an Energy Advisor to achieve [SmartRegs](#) compliance for his rental property

**Ideas on how to connect EnergySmart with your neighbors: \***

- Newsletter or website blurb – text will vary depending on length
- Presentations to neighborhood groups
- EnergySmart House Party
  - Can simply be a presentation and discussion of the service
    - EnergySmart information and light refreshments can be provided

- You can also schedule a walk-through Home Energy Assessment (\$30; this is **not** a full audit) and invite neighbors over to watch
- You may also be able to schedule a comprehensive Home Energy Assessment (\$120; includes blower door and infrared scan) and invite neighbors over to watch. This may detract from the personal Energy Advisor aspect, and may be difficult to schedule with neighbors, but we can make it work if you're interested.
- Share SmartRegs On Site Video – details the SmartRegs Inspection through EnergySmart and explains to landlords and property managers what to expect.
  - Watch the video [here](#).
  - Learn more about SmartRegs [here](#).
- Have you already participated in EnergySmart?
  - Contact your Energy Advisor, or Dave Penzkofer (contact info above), for a yard sign to raise awareness about the service.
  - Would you like to participate in a case study?

\*Contact Kristen to schedule an event, for text to print on website or newsletter, or to participate in a case study.

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### **Follow Up from October's Meeting:**

[Website hub](#) – live and continually updated.

- Includes program information, events, past meeting notes, neighborhood contacts, and resources.
- Includes document detailing what the City of Boulder can offer as well as the \$400 Neighborhood Sustainability Grant application
- [www.bouldercolorado.gov/lead/neighbors](http://www.bouldercolorado.gov/lead/neighbors)

[A good email listserv](#) – continually in process

- One large listserv with all neighborhood contacts
- One smaller listserv with attendees of neighborhood meetings
  - Send me updates & events; I can forward to members on listserv & post on website

[Info on Neighborhood Green Streets \(NGS\) events/block parties](#)

### **Neighborhood Green Streets:**

- In process of completely revamping. Can contact Jesi Vandeputte in the meantime at: [Jesi@bouldergreenstreets.org](mailto:Jesi@bouldergreenstreets.org)
- Brian Crawford, involved with NGS, also attended January's meeting, and plans to be present at future meetings
- NGS programs help you to quickly and easily coordinate small street closure events in your neighborhood. Host a potluck, let kids practice riding their bikes in a safe way, host a neighborhood game, or get together to discuss changes you'd like to see in your community. This non-profit organization will provide insurance, assist with permits, barricades and will help make your block party or larger event safe, easy, fun, and affordable.

[Do neighborhood meetings/agendas have specific purpose?](#)

- Mixed feedback
- Trying out EnergySmart as focus topic – successful at January’s meeting
- Will alternate monthly meetings now
  - Alternating months will have focus topic (the topic for March will be water); other months will be more of an open discussion group
- *Send Kristen your input on the structure, as well as topic requests for both focused and informal monthly meetings*

### Use of BVSD areas for neighborhood events

#### School property for public use:

- Boulder Valley School District is committed to making school facilities available to the public for outside use. The **Community School Program** administers permits for use of the schools during non-school hours including weekends and evenings. Interested patrons may contact our office to arrange for space in all BVSD schools. Usage fees vary according to the type of space, the group's age category, number of people in the group. **Spaces available include gyms, auditoriums, classrooms, multi-purpose rooms and playing fields.**
- More info, call: 720-561-3765 or visit: [www.bvsd.org/facility](http://www.bvsd.org/facility)
- Notes for facility field use:
  - School events take priority. Your permit or a date on your permit may be cancelled due to school activities. You may re-schedule based on availability.
  - Community youth activities take priority.
  - Once your permit is ready our office will contact you.
  - Your permit must be paid for in advance.
  - It takes a minimum of 7 – 10 business days to process the permit.
  - Until the permit has been processed, the requested date/space has not been reserved. We recommend not advertising your event until the permit has been finalized.
  - Fees range from \*free - \$100; depending on size, location, and type of attendees

### Other community space resources

#### North Boulder:

- Wild Sage Co-housing Commons House - available for outside groups to rent, <http://www.wildsagecohousing.org/>
- Silver Sage Co-housing Commons House - available for outside groups to rent, <http://silversagevillage.com/>
- Buena Vista Community House - event must be hosted/sponsored by a Buena Vista resident; we don't have a community web site, but we do have an involved resident there to host events there – contact Kristen if you’re interested in utilizing this space
- Alfalfa's on Arapahoe also has a community room available for use. See: <http://www.alfalfas.com/community-love/giving-back/> and <http://www.alfalfas.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Alfalfas-Community-Room-App-Guide.pdf>
- *Please email Kristen if you have more resources to share. This information is also listed on the Neighborhood website.*

### NECO passes

- ML Robles is the GO Boulder NECO pass coordinator; any questions can be sent directly to her at: 303-443-1945, or [necopass@gmail.com](mailto:necopass@gmail.com)
- If you are interested in meeting with her directly, please let me know. Her involvement is seasonal, and lapses for a few months starting in February.

### Ways to engage non-choir

- Water bill insert info – reserved for March meeting
- Blurb in Daily Camera – ideas have involved an OpEd piece. Please feel free to write an OpEd to any local paper regarding upcoming meetings, our focus(es), the level of enthusiasm, or whatever you see fit. If this gets printed, please sent it to Kristen so I can post the article on our neighborhood website.

### City offerings

#### **List of City offerings for next Neighborhood Meeting – detailed [here](#).**

- [Neighborhood grant](#) (\$400/yr)
  - Flyer printing
  - Website support
  - Event support (including ZW infrastructure)
  - Event space rentals
  - Support for creation of a new Group
- Block party & other permit help & guidance
- Neighborhood maps
- Raffle prizes to provide incentive for event attendance
- Connect 'hoods to applicable and interesting resources (ie: NGS, NECO pass)
- Possible sound system?

### **Other discussion, suggestions, and resources:**

- Zev Paiss – suggested that neighbors read David Gershon's [Social Change 2.0](#)
  - More info about that [here](#).
  - He also brought up the reminder that neighborhood sustainability efforts support the city's potential municipalization process by helping to address the demand side of energy management (as opposed to municipalization, which addresses the supply side). Decreasing demand will enable our community to decrease our necessary energy supply.

### Resources Discussed:

- [ReSource Tool Library](#)
  - Run by the Center for ReSource Conservation, the Tool Library is a place where residents can borrow tools from a large, centralized tool inventory. By sharing resources, the Tool Library leverages communal purchasing power to 'do more with less', and puts tools in the hands of those with limited means. In today's tough economy, these are valuable assets for a program that also educates, conserves resources, and strengthens civic infrastructure.
- [LocalShare](#)
  - A free community resource for sharing, bartering, and gifting resources.

- [Boulder Green Drinks](#)
    - Boulder Green Drinks is one of the most successful group events in the city. Held on the last Tuesday of every month, individuals get together in an informal atmosphere to have some libations and talk green.
  - [Boulder Blue Line](#)
    - The Blue Line covers local government, environment, schools and community issues. The volunteer writers and editors come from all aspects of Boulder's active community. The Blue Line welcomes debate and commentary. Submissions of news, analysis and opinion that are cogent and factual will be selected for publication. There is one hard and fast rule, however: all submissions, whether articles or blog comments, must be signed; that is, you must use your real name to participate.
  - [Neighborhood Green Streets](#)
    - NGS programs help you to quickly and easily coordinate small street closure events in your neighborhood. Host a potluck, let kids practice riding their bikes in a safe way, host a neighborhood game, or get together to discuss changes you'd like to see in your community. This non-profit organization will provide the insurance, assist with permits, barricades and will help make your block party or larger event safe, easy, fun, and affordable.
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**Next Steps** - Please send Kristen:

- Ideas or informal discussion topics for February's meeting
- Any open community spaces or gathering areas that could be utilized by fellow neighborhood groups
- Any interest in a specific NECO pass meeting with the City's NECO pass coordinator?

**Future Meetings:**

February 06 – 5-6pm, 13<sup>th</sup> St Conference Room (1720 13<sup>th</sup> St)

- Informal open discussion & networking

March 12 – 5-7pm, 13<sup>th</sup> St Conference Room (1720 13<sup>th</sup> St)

- Focus Topic: Water Conservation, Water Quality, and 2012-Colorado Year of Water, facilitated by Curry Rosato
- Agenda to follow in the upcoming weeks