

Basalt Green Team Meeting

February 10, 2020

Attendees: Susan Philp, Sara Nadolny, Mary Weiner, Phi Filerman, Gerry Terwilliger, Mike Steiner, Doug Goldsmith, Joni Keefe, Emily Jack-Scott, and Chris Howard.

Agenda:

1. Update on the Upper Roaring Fork Valley Climate Action Collaborative (PF)
2. Hard to Recycle Materials events in Basalt w/Eagle County (SP/SN)
3. Update on RFP for Town Hall heat pump (SP/SN)
4. Update on Yard Waste Drop-off event (SP/SN)
5. Level 2 charger at Town Hall (MS)
6. Other/Updates

Item 1: Update on the Upper Roaring Fork Valley Climate Action Collaborative (PF)

Phi gave an update on plan for current and potential future structure and creation of working groups.

Item 2: Hard to Recycle Materials events in Basalt w/Eagle County (SP/SN) & Update on Yard Waste Drop-off event.

Sara shared that Eagle County is supporting the recycling event and she needs to connect with Jesse Masten at the County about what materials will be collected. The plan is to have this event in the spring and again in the fall. Sara indicated she is currently working on dates and a viable location.

There is the possibility of hosting this at one of the schools, and possibly getting student involvement. Sara questioned whether we should pass along some small charge to those using the event to drive home that there is a cost associated with unwanted items. The Green Team considered this, but ultimately it was decided that this should be a free event to Basalt's residents.

The Green Team also discussed the possibility of combining the event with the annual river clean up event (Roaring Fork Conservancy). The event might see more use if it is on the same day as the clean-up event. people may not be able to get their stuff together before they come; can't be at the same time because there's not enough space; and events won't attract the same people -- but we could still consider the date. Will also have yard waste and e-waste events. Think they are under budgeted for yard waste). Pitkin County is going to help out too.

Item 3: Update on RFP for Town Hall heat pump (SP/SN)

The RFP is now up on website. Due March 11th.

Item 4: Update on Yard Waste Drop-off event (SP/SN) See Item 2.

Item 5. Level 2 charger at Town Hall (MS)

One side of the existing Eaton Level 2 is not working. Holy Cross Energy can provide the Town a new Level 2 charger but would own them and would need to charge the public for their use. The Green Team discussed whether the new charger should be installed in the same place or installed on the other side of the parking lot. This would allow continued use of the Eaton charger until it becomes irreparable.

There was a discussion of putting the new Level 2 charger adjacent to the stage, near the Level 3 and keeping the Eaton unit until it becomes obsolete. Sara will confer with Public Works to find a viable location for the new charger. Sara suggested on Two Rivers Rd, adjacent to the stage/sidewalk, for greater visibility and accessibility.

Susan said there have been some issues reported with the Level 3 charger, but it actually may be user error. The Green Team discussed whether there is a need for signage dealing with troubleshooting instructions and/or that identifies which plug fits which car models.

Town Staff had planned to start charging for use of the Level 3 charger this year. Sara has tried to check in with the Colorado Energy Office on whether this is incongruent with the terms of the grant but has not received any follow up. Sara will continue to pursue an answer for this.

Susan presented various arguments that have been made for charging and not charging the public for use of the Level 2 and Level 3 car chargers. The Green Team discussed the pros and cons of free versus charging for various combinations. Points made included: that nothing should be free, providing free charging has an equity element, free charging plays a role in people's decision to purchase electric cars which is important to electrification of transportation, whether there are enough chargers for number of cars in valley, role in tourists driving electric cars, Level 2 chargers encourage people to stay and spend money, and people are less likely to complain if it's free so may be good to keep them free while working out the kinks.

Mike with Holy Cross Energy reported working with Pitkin County on the installation of four Level 2 chargers in the Buttermilk parking lot.

Next steps:

Might add a charger but will need to run by Council.

Sara will look into grant status

Item 6: Other/Updates

- Holy Cross - Beers and brats - over 100 people attended and it was reported to be a great event. Holy Cross has a new electrification strategy that Mary is working on. The RFP is due March 2nd
- Doug (Mountain Waste) - finished the sustainability program for X-games and thinks they had a higher diversion rate than last year which was 72%.

Next Meeting:

Phi will bring Drawdown book

Mary will bring her Drawdown flyer.