

CITY OF LARAMIE/ALBANY COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022 AT 6:00 PM

The Laramie/Albany County Environmental Advisory Committee meetings are currently closed to in-person attendance. Please join us via Zoom at:

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**
 - 2- A. **Changes and Approval of Agenda**
 - 2- B. **Thursday, June 2, 2022 EAC Meeting Minutes**

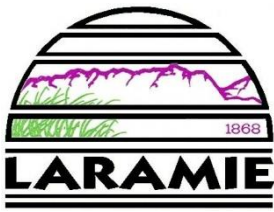
Documents:

[EAC MINUTES 06.02.2022.PDF](#)

3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS- Non-Agenda Related Topics- No Action Can Be Taken**
4. **DISCLOSURES**
5. **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND STAFF: Reports And Comments**
 - 5.A. **MT2030 Climate Solutions Summit - Darren Parkin**
[HTTPS://WWW.MT2030.ORG/OUR-WORK/MT2030SUMMIT/](https://www.mt2030.org/our-work/mt2030summit/)
 - 5.B. **Jack's Solar Garden - Darren Parkin**
[HTTPS://WWW.JACKSSOLARGARDEN.COM/](https://www.jackssolargarden.com/)
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - 6.A. **City/County CAPP Update Report - Erin O'Doherty/David Gertsch / Darren Parkin**

Documents:

7. **NEW BUSINESS**
8. **DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING- October 6, 2022**
9. **ADJOURN**



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MINUTES

Laramie/Albany County Environmental Advisory Committee Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 6:04 PM

Members present: Mary Grace Bedwell, Evelyn Hill, Rhiannon Jakopak, Ramsey Bently, and Ellen Currano.

Members absent: Kayla Matlock and Eric Krszjzaniek

There was a quorum present at all times.

Council Liaison: Erin O'Doherty

County Liaison: Pete Gosar (joined at 6:15 PM)

Staff Present: Darren Parkin, Ryan Shoefelt, and Gracen Wallen

Guests: Ed Koncel, and Jarad O'Brien

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

2-A. Changes and Approval of Agenda

MOTION BY JAKOPAK, seconded by Hill, to approve the Agenda be approved as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote and raised hands.

2-B. Thursday, April 7, 2022 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION BY JAKOPAK, seconded by Bedwell, to approve the Minutes from April 7, 2022 as written.

Aye: 4

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote and raised hands.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS - Non-Agenda Related Topics – No Action Can Be Taken

No Citizen Comments.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND STAFF: REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Councilor O'Doherty- Bird scooters.

4.A. Jackson and Laramie Collaboration Meeting and EcoFair – Darren Parkin, City of Laramie

Parkin – overview/info

Comment: Gosar joined at 6:15 PM.

5. DISCLOSURES -- Ex-parte communications; potential conflicts of interest

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No disclosures.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

6.A. Laramie Community Climate Summit – Mary Grace Bedwell

Bedwell - Update of conference. Good workshops and discussion. Reconvening on August 29th.
O'Brien – Climate Action Planning – new name.
O'Doherty – Recycling.
Gosar – Biking.

6.B. City/County CAPP Update Report - David Gertsch / Darren Parkin

Parkin- CAPP Update Draft. County and City Planning commissions for review. Governmental Steering Committee. Potential for extra meetings in the summer.

Eric Krszjzaniek joined at 6:42 PM.

O'doherty – Have meeting with everyone together to hear the same information.

Parkin – July 25th is the first joint meeting. July 15th the draft will be available.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

7.A. City of Laramie FY 20 and FY 21 Emissions Inventory – Gracen Wallen, CMO Intern

8. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING – August 4, 2022

9. ADJOURN

MOTION BY JAKOPAK, seconded by Hill, to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: 4

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.



MEMORANDUM

Date: August 4, 2022

To: City Planning Commission, County Planning and Zoning Commission, Environmental Advisory Committee

From: CAPP Update Intergovernmental Steering Committee

Subject: CAPP Update Progress Report

We would like to present a progress report for the Casper Aquifer Protection Plan (CAPP) update. Stantec and the Intergovernmental Steering Committee have been working diligently on the update of the Casper Aquifer Protection Plan. It is exciting to share with you the work that has been completed so far and the work that will need to be accomplished in the coming months.

First, is a summary of what has been accomplished thus far. Stantec has completed "Task 1 - Casper Aquifer Protection Plan Update". Items completed for this task include the following:

1. Reviewed current City of Laramie and Albany County Casper Aquifer Protection Plans and provided a Tech Memo on areas where the plans need to be amended.
2. Reviewed all pertinent reports, SSIs, and other documents concerning the Casper Aquifer since 2008.
3. Reviewed State Engineer's Office Water Well Logs along the western boundary to obtain Satanka Shale thickness data.
4. Revised the protective Satanka Shale thickness line to include at least 75 feet of Satanka Shale. More thickness is included at the Turner Wellfield and Simpson Springs given our hydrogeologic observations at those two locations.
5. Based on the amended Satanka Shale thickness line, revised the western boundary to follow property lines, section lines or other surveyable lines that lie immediately west of the protective Satanka Shale thickness line.
6. Prepared and provided a draft of the updated CAPP that was submitted for staff and steering committee review.
7. Policy recommendation have been drafted.
8. Monthly progress updates have been provided to the Intergovernmental Steering Committee.

The planning process has recently moved into the stakeholder involvement phase. This is part of “Task 2 – CAPP Stakeholder Involvement”. While this task includes ongoing communication and updates to staff, the Intergovernmental Steering Committee, and others, it also includes the majority of the public engagement and education components. Many of the items found in this task will help inform the plan by soliciting input from as many stakeholders as possible and understanding the varying viewpoints concerning this plan.

In addition to the communication that has already occurred throughout this planning process, we recently held small focus group meetings with key stakeholders. The purpose of these meetings was to vet the draft policy recommendations and the revised western boundary.

These focus group meetings were held with representatives of the Albany County Clean Water Advocates (an advocacy group), CAP Network (a landowner/advocacy group), and a technical group (geologists and engineers who have worked in the Casper Aquifer Protection Area). We planned to meet with business owners and a group of developers but received no response from the developers that were invited and only a couple responses from business owners. I will note that one of the developers that was invited to the developer’s group did attend the property owners group meeting.

These small group meetings were helpful in the following ways: First, each of these focus group meetings were well attended, however they were not too large to be unwieldy and unproductive. Second, these individuals provided valuable input that will guide the development of the initial draft. Finally, the members of these groups will likely continue to be interested in the process. By including them early on, we ensured that their voices are heard and considered as we continue our work.

The following items are being or will be completed in the months ahead:

1. Incorporation of the feedback from small group meetings into the draft.
2. Review of second technical draft by Intergovernmental Steering Committee and staff.
3. Final Technical Draft (completed by August 19th) will be provided for review to the City Planning Commission, County Planning and Zoning Commission, and City-County Environmental Advisory Committee at a joint meeting scheduled for August 24th. This meeting will mark the beginning of a 45-day public comment period (August 25th through October 8th).
4. The final draft will be published on the County and City websites throughout the public comment period.
5. Multiple public meetings will be scheduled to receive public comment during the public comment period.
6. Public comment/feedback will be incorporated into the plan.
7. A 2nd joint meeting of City Planning Commission, County Planning Commission & City-County Environmental Advisory Commission will be held in October. Any proposed amendments from this meeting will be considered.
8. The three bodies will certify the final draft plan to the governing bodies.
9. The CAPP will be considered by the Board of County Commissioners and City Council in November.

Moving forward we anticipate great public participation and productive discussions that will lead to a balanced and unified Casper Aquifer Protection Plan. We have a lot of work yet to go!