

# LARAMIE/ALBANY COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL  
406 IVINSON AVE, LARAMIE, WY 82070  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020 AT 6:00 PM

The Laramie/Albany County Environmental Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Requests from person with disabilities must be made to the City Manager's Office 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**
  - 2-A. **Changes and Approval of Agenda**
  - 2-B. **Thursday, December 5, 2019 EAC Meeting Minutes**

Documents:

[EAC 12-5-19.PDF](#)

3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS- Non-Agenda Related Topics- No Action Can Be Taken**
4. **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND STAFF: Reports And Comments**
  - 4.A. **Introduction Of New EAC Members - Ramsey Bentley And Evelyn Hill**
5. **DISCLOSURES**
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - 6.A. **Presentation Of EAC Emissions Subcommittee Results - Alec Muthig, Subcommittee Chair**
  - 6.B. **Roundtable Discussion Of EAC Emissions Recommendations For City Council - EAC/Public**
7. **OLD BUSINESS**
8. **DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING- April 2, 2020**
9. **ADJOURN**

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Time meeting began: 6:04 p.m

EAC Members Present: Ellen Currano (Chair), Brad Carr (Vice Chair), Rhiannon Jakopak, Eric Krszjzaniek & Alec Muthig

Absent: None (The two County resident positions were vacant)

Liaisons Present: Erin O'Doherty (City Council)

Staff present: Nancy Bartholomew, Laramie City Clerk; Sarah Reese, Administrator Economic and Community Initiatives; Darren Parkin, Natural Resources Manager

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. Approval of Agenda and 10/3/2019 Minutes**

Motion to approve as written.

Motion by Muthig, seconded by Jakopak

Aye: 5

Nay: 0

**3. Citizen Comments – Non-Agenda Related Topics**

Ed Koncel (Laramie Resident) – has a total electric home and wanted to personally thank EAC for its efforts in testifying over in Cheyenne on the two anti-net metering bills. (that were being considered by the Joint Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivisions Committee)

Landyn Medina (Cheyenne Resident) – works for a solar company and also wanted to personally thank EAC for its testimony at the legislative committee.

**4. EAC and Staff Reports and Comments**

**4.A. Introduction of New EAC members – Alec Muthig and Eric Krszjzaniek.**

Muthig – works at UW in IT and is a founding co-coordinator of WY Pathways from Prison and is enrolled in Virginia Tech's Executive Master of Natural Resources Program for Global Sustainability.

Krszjzaniek – is a lecturer at UW and has a PhD in Sustainable Business Practices and Marketing and has experience working with a non-profit writing curriculum and teaching sustainable living practices and renewable energy and has also installed wind and solar projects.

**4.B. Election of new EAC Chair and Vice Chair.**

So move to nominate Ellen Currano as EAC Chair.

Motion by Carr, seconded by Muthig

Aye: 5

Nay: 0

So move to nominate Brad Carr as EAC Vice Chair.

Motion by Currano, seconded by Krszjzaniek

Aye: 5

Nay: 0

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**5. Disclosures**

None

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**6.A. Open Meetings Act Presentation**

Nancy Bartholomew, Laramie City Clerk, presented on the topic. Presentation is attached to the meeting Agenda.

**6.B. Tumbleweed Underground Storage Tank Overview**

Maura Hanning, Geologist and Albany County resident, gave an overview of WYDEQ oversight and the history of the tanks/leak detection, permitting and reporting at the Tumbleweed gas station, as well as the potential re-zoning of an adjacent property from residential to commercial.

**6.C. Laramie Plastic Bag Ban**

**6.D. Laramie Solar Projects**

Sarah Reese, Administrator Economic and Community Initiatives, gave an overview of the development of the Laramie Youth Council from an organization that was formed to learn about local government to becoming almost entirely project based and showed a recycling video that they produced.

Arundathi Nair from LYC talked about their initiative to get solar panels placed on Laramie High School and their lobbying efforts in opposition to the proposed anti-net metering bills that were in legislative committee.

Owen Reese from LYC provided an overview of their plastic bag project that they have been working on and will be presenting to City Council at an upcoming work session.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**7.A. Continuation of Municipal Emissions Reduction Discussion**

Ed Koncel and Martha Martinez del Rio representing the Alliance for Renewable Energy citizens group presented to get acquainted with the new EAC members. Presentations/handouts are attached to the meeting Agenda.

**7.B. Corporations Committee Overview / EAC City Council Emissions Recommendation**

Ellen Currano, EAC Chair, discussed the development of a letter of recommendation to City Council and the County Commission to oppose the two anti-net metering bills that were in the Corporations Committee, as well as her experience testifying before the committee in Cheyenne.

EAC discussed how to organize and respond to City Council's request that they provide municipal emissions reduction recommendations before budget session in April.

Bern Hinckley (Laramie Resident) spoke on previous sub-committees that were formed by EAC to address specific issues.

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So move to form a subcommittee for recommendations to City Council and the County Commission for carbon neutrality.

Motion by Krszjzaniek, seconded by Muthig

Aye: 5

Nay: 0

Three EAC members volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. Muthig (Chair), Jakopak and Krszjzaniek.

Martha Martinez del Rio asked that community members from ARE also be allowed to serve on the subcommittee.

Parkin invited the subcommittee to meet with City staff and City Council liaison O'doherty.

**7.C. APOZ Western Boundary Subcommittee Report**

Brad Carr, EAC Vice Chair, gave a historical background of the formation of the subcommittee, changes of EAC membership, and talked about the current (grad student) and future (local consultant/volunteer) efforts to complete the project in a GIS format.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Carr, seconded by Krszjzaniek.

Aye: 5

Nay: 0

Time EAC Meeting Adjourned: 8:14 p.m.

December 5, 2019 EAC Minutes were prepared by Darren Parkin.

VALIDATED:

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Ellen Currano, EAC Committee Chair

Date

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Darren Parkin, Natural Resources Manager

Date