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Agenda

New Castle Climate and Environment Commission

Thursday, January 16, 2025, 4:00 PM

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Call to Order

Roll Call

Moment of Silence

Items For Consideration

- A. Honoring Chair Tom Elder**
- B. Appoint Commission Chair**
- C. Appoint Commission Vice-Chair**
- D. Council Suggestions for Bag Fee Funds**
- E. Earth Day Update**
- F. Consider Showing Time for Elemental Screening**
- G. Approve December 19, 2024, minutes**

Commissioner Comments

Update from GCE

New Business/Future Agenda Items.

Adjourn

Proposal for Bag Fee Fund (Revised)

Rebates of \$500-800 to businesses which perform new sustainability/environmental projects (for example, replacing Styrofoam to go boxes; providing recycle containers for patrons; installing energy-efficient appliances; planting a tree)	\$8000
Earth Day Drawing: Ten 6-month EverGreen ZeroWaste subscriptions:	\$1500
Purchase reusable bowls and cups for Chili Cookoff (replace disposable paper products)	\$750
Public Education program (schools, library, contests, etc.)	\$1000
Cleanup day for East Elk Trails, shooting range, Mt. Medaris, trailheads, etc. (supplies, lunch, donation to RFOV and RFMBA)	\$2500
Town contribution to Colorado River Wildfire Collaborative	\$3000
Additional funds to CEC for sustainability/environmental projects TBD	\$1000
Earth Day advertising and supplies	\$500
Matching funds for EV charging station grant	
	\$18, 250

Remainder in reserve, designated to cost overruns and/or late-breaking project ideas

New Castle Climate & Environment Commission 3 Minutes for December 19, 2024

Attendees: Commissioner Bruce Leland, Commissioner Myrna Candriea
Commissioner Kendall Bakick, Commissioner Nancy Barnes

Absent: Chair Tom Elder and Commissioner Sharon Morris

Commissioner Leland called the meeting to order at 4:03p.m.

Commission's 2025 Bag Fee Budget Recommendation Updates

- Commissioner Leland reported that the Town Council approved using approximately \$1,320 in bag fees for an Earth Day drawing for ten people to win 6 months' worth of composting pick-up service from Evergreen Composting Service.
- The Town also proposed using bag fee monies to help offset the cost of an EV charging station.
- Commission members discussed using bag fee monies for a trail clean-up day. A donation would be made to Roaring Fork Volunteers and Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association for their participation in the trail clean-up.
- **Action item:**
 - Commissioner Leland will provide a bag fee expenditure report at the January 2025 meeting.

End of Year Budget Purchases

- Commissioner Leland reported buying \$400 worth of wildflower pollinator seeds for Earth Day. He also purchased a new canopy and ordered two banners for the CEC.
- There were no funds leftover for tee-shirt purchases.

Earth Day Update

- Earth Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 26th from 11am -2pm at Burning Mountain Park.
- Commissioner Leland has solicited numerous vendors to participate in the event.
- Commission members proposed a variety of activities for the day:
 - Pollinator jigsaw puzzle giveaway
 - Inviting local car dealerships to bring EV vehicles
- **Action item:**

- Commissioner Bakick will ask the Elk Creek Girls STEM Leadership Club to volunteer at the event.
- Commissioner Leland will ask Pepsi to donate beverages.
- All commission members should look at the National Earth Day website for ideas and activities to use at our local event.

Recruiting New Commissioner

- Commissioner Barnes emailed a potential candidate about the vacancy.
- Commission members will reach out to others who may be interested.

Elemental Film Screening

- The film will be shown on Wednesday, Feb 12th at 6pm at the New Castle library.
- **Action item:**
 - Commissioner Barnes will reach out to suggested potential panelists and invite them to attend the event and speak on the panel about wildfire mitigation efforts.
 - Commissioner Barnes will email New Castle town staff about advertising the film event on the town's digital sign.

Minutes for November

Motion: Commissioner Bakick moved to accept, with changes, the minutes of the November 21, 2024, meeting. Commissioner Candriea seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

There was no new business.

Motion to Adjourn

Commissioner Candriea moved to adjourn. Commissioner Bakick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Nancy Barnes

Commissioner Bruce Leland