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Agenda

New Castle Climate and Environment Commission Virtual Meeting Thursday, February 18, 2021, 6:30 PM

Due to concerns related to COVID-19, this meeting will be held as a virtual meeting only. The public is invited to attend.

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Meeting ID: 709 658 8400**

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Call to Order

Roll Call

Meeting Notice

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Items for Consideration

- A. Clean Energy Economy for the Region (CLEER) Presentation: Solarize Garfield County**
- B. Follow-Up Discussion Regarding Public Education and Improving Recycling in Town**
- C. Consider Agenda Items for the March 18, 2021 meeting**
- D. Consider Approval of the January 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Adjourn

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18 **Call to Order**

19 Commission Chair Denise Scheberle called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
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21 **Roll Call**

22 Present: Commissioner Bruce Leland
23 Commissioner Ines Baquero
24 Commissioner Tom Elder
25 Commissioner Jean Brown
26 Chair Scheberle
27 Absent: Commissioner Jeanne Huyser
28 Commissioner Myrna Candraia
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30 Also present at the meeting were representatives of Mountain Waste & Recycling: District
31 Manager Mike Hinkley and Sales Manager Doug Goldsmith.
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33 **Meeting Notice**

34 Commission Chair Denise Scheberle verified that the Clerk's office gave notice of the
35 meeting in accordance with Resolution TC 2021-1
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37 **Conflicts of Interest**

38 There were no conflicts of interest.
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40 **Citizen Comments on Items NOT on the Agenda**

41 There were no citizen comments.
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44 **Items for Consideration**
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1 **Presentation on Recycling by Mike Hinkley - District Manager, Mountain Waste &**
2 **Recycling**

3 Commissioners learned more about the history of recycling and the emerging challenges
4 in the recycling industry. Challenges included taking recyclables to Denver, which results
5 in multiple transfers and increased costs; sharp increases in tipping fees; disparate costs
6 of recyclable materials, with aluminum cans and single-use plastics bringing in the best
7 prices; and contaminated or inappropriate materials placed in recycling bins. Randy Fricke,
8 an interested citizen, suggested that a manufacturer such as Pepsi could participate in
9 product stewardship, taking single-use plastic bottles for recycling. Dave Reynolds, Town
10 Manager, asked what kind of simple message would reduce waste in recycling. Mr. Hinkley
11 noted that key messages included telling residents NOT to place plastic bags, Styrofoam,
12 or contaminated food containers in their recycling bins and asking them to collapse
13 cardboard boxes. Also noted by Mr. Goldsmith was the availability of the Mountain Waste
14 website that informs New Castle residents about recycling best practices, as well as a free
15 app "waste wizard" which helps consumers recycle responsibly. Commissioners thanked
16 Mr. Hinkley and Mr. Goldsmith for their informative presentation.
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19 **Update: Educational Efforts on Wildfire Response, Fire Prevention, Assessment**
20 **and Mitigation; Newsletter Information About Carting for Pets**

21 Commissioner Baquero noted that she will work with the homeowners' association to see
22 if the organization will help homeowners better understand how to prepare for a wildfire,
23 and what to watch for in mitigating their residences to reduce the chance of a fire.
24 Commissioner Scheberle noted that she had contacted the two local vet clinics by email
25 and by phone to ask for newsletter copy but did not receive a response. She will try again
26 before the next meeting.
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29 **Consider Agenda Items for the February 18, 2021 Meeting**

30 Commissioners Leland and Scheberle introduced the request by CLEER to have the
31 Commission be a partner in a new rooftop solar initiative for residences and businesses
32 called "Solarize Garfield County." Commissioners agreed that this project is a potential
33 good fit with CEC goals and would like to learn more about it. Commissioner Scheberle will
34 invite Zuleika Pevec from Clean Energy Economy for the Region (CLEER) to join CEC for
35 the February meeting.
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37 **Draft Minutes of the December 17, 2020 Meeting**

38 **MOTION: Commissioner Elder moved that the draft minutes be approved as**
39 **written; Commissioner Brown seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**
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42 **MOTION: Commissioner Baquero moved that the meeting adjourn; seconded by**
43 **Commissioner Elder and the motion passed unanimously.**

44 The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.
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11 Secretary Ines Baquero
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Chair Denise Scheberle

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