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Agenda

New Castle Climate and Environment Commission-

Thursday, November 21, 2024, 4:00 PM

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Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Meeting Notice

Conflicts of Interest

Citizen Comments on Items NOT on the Agenda

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Agenda Changes

Items For Consideration

- A. Budget Recommendation for Bag Fee Funds**
- B. Discussion Fire Evacuation Plan**
- C. Earth Day Progress**
- D. Discuss scheduling winter Elemental screening**
- E. Chili Cook-Off Progress**
- F. Discussion filling Vacant seat**
- G. Update – Budget & Expenditures**
- H. Discussion – Website Revision**
- I. Update – Zero Waste Events Workshop**

J. Approve October 17, 2024 minutes

K. New Business/Future Agenda Items.

Commissioner Comments

Adjourn

A landscape photograph of a field with a path leading to a distant horizon under a cloudy sky. The foreground is filled with tall, green grass. A path of lighter-colored grass or dirt leads from the bottom center towards the horizon. The background shows a line of trees and a cloudy sky. The entire image has a dark, muted color palette.

WASTE DIVERSION PROGRAMS

FUNDED BY THE PLASTIC BAG FEES

TURNING FOOD WASTE INTO COMPOST

1. Hold a lottery drawing at the annual Earth Day event for individual households to get free compost bins for a certain amount of time.
2. Pay for restaurants, coffee shops, schools, community gardens to have commercial compost bins.



BUSINESS COMPOST COLLECTIONS

PAINT DISPOSAL

1. Contact Habitat for Humanity – Recolor Program

SUPPORT EXISTING PROGRAMS



1. TONC Annual Clean-Up Days
2. Colorado Wildfire Collaborative



WATER/LAND CLEANUP EVENTS

1. CONDUCT CLEANUP EFFORTS

- COLORADO RIVER
 - ELK CREEK
- BUFORD ROAD
- SHOOTING RANGE

2. COLLABORATE WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS ALREADY PROVIDING THESE EFFORTS

- LION'S CLUB
- APPLE TREE PARK MANAGEMENT

3. PAY FOR AD SPACE (RADIO, NEWS, ETC.) TO PROMOTE CLEAN UP EFFORTS

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

- 1. Create** interactive materials like videos, infographics and activity kits to educate about proper waste disposal, recycling and pollution prevention on land and in water.
- 2. Organize** contests for schools or community groups with rewards and recognition at events for environmental projects.

Earth Day Partners 2024

Confirmed

CEC: Tom Elder: groovytreetree@comcast.net

EverGreen ZeroWaste: Alyssa Reindal: alyssa@evergreenzerowaste.com

Lions: Janine High: j9finewine1@msn.com

GCE: Morgan Hill: mhill@cleanenergyeconomy.net

Garco Vegetation Management: [Sarah LaRose](#) at 970-945-1377, ext. 4315, slarose@garfield-county.com

Middle Colorado Watershed Council :Kate Collins kcollins@midcowatershed.org, 970-274-0899

Library: Jaime LaRue: jlalrue@gcpld.org Ana Gaytan agaytan@gcpld.org

Invited but no reply yet

Colorado Parks and Wildlife: Jake Staton jake.staton@state.co.us 970-366-1908

BLM (Sylvia Ringer is a friend at BLM. She'll find out who the appropriate contact is)

CSU Extension: Carla Farrand: carla.farrand@colostate.edu

New Castle Garden Club (Waiting to hear who president is)

West Canyon Nursery Derek: sales@westcanyonnurseries.com

Mountain Waste: Alyssa Parker alyssa.parker@wasteconnections.com

CRFR: maria.pina@crfr.us

New Castle Coffee (Kevin): Newcastlecoffeecompany@gmail.com

CMC: Tinker Duclo: tduclo@coloradomtn.edu (Environmental Science/Sustainability)

1 **New Castle Climate & Environment Commission**
2 **Minutes for October 17, 2024**

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4 **Attendees: Commissioner Nancy Barnes, Commissioner Tom Elder,**
5 **Commissioner Bruce Leland, Commissioner Sharon Morris, Commissioner**
6 **Myrna Candriea (online), Commissioner Kendall Bakick**

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8 **Commissioner Elder called the meeting to order (4:05)**
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10 **Old Business**

- 11 • Commissioner Morris accepted the role of Vice Chair
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13 **Recap Elemental Film Screening**

- 14 • Film was powerful, discussion after was engaging
15 • Partnership between the Library and the Commission went well, thanks to
16 Commissioner Barnes for her work on this program.
17 • Small crowd (14) on Saturday afternoon in October; 4 commissioners
18 attended; perhaps show it again in the Winter (after the holidays - end of
19 Feb or March)
20 • Promotion - Library put up posters, New Castle town posted it to Facebook,
21 • Next time, get influencers (social media locals) to promote it (Janine High,
22 etc.)
23 • Plan to have a panel of experts after the movie - as part of the event (Paul
24 Smith - fire inspector)
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26 **Commission year-end purchases**

- 27 • Commissioner Leland suggested that we buy a new banner.
28 ◦ **Motion:** Commissioner Elder moved that we purchase the banner.
29 Commissioner Barnes seconded. Passed unanimously.
30 • We have less funds this coming year (\$1,000 rather than the previous
31 \$2,000). The Commission also has the bag use bag money (roughly
32 \$17,000)
33 • T-shirts - print more "Be Earthwise New Castle - Authentically Colorado" -
34 order for sale (and possibly use an [online platform](#)) -
35 ◦ **Action Items:** Commissioner Morris will work with Mindy and Kelly
36 (rec center) to purchase t-shirt - Commissioner Leland will find out
37 where and how to get the artwork for the t-shirts (adult and kid sizes)
38 • Seed packets (to pass out at the parade) - native wildflowers, bee friendly
39 pollinators -
40 ◦ **Action Items:** Commissioner Leland will find out about the seeds;
41 Commissioner Candriea will find out where the seed packets have
42 come from.

2025 Commission Budget

Budget Recommendation for Bag Fee Funds

- \$8,000 - Business rebates for sustainability or environmentally friendly projects - \$500 - 800 per business
- \$5,000 - Grants up to \$500 to groups to perform sustainability projects (roll off trash or xeriscaping in open space)
- \$2,000 Purchase degradable plastic doggy bags for town park bag dispensers (Request from New Castle Recreation department)
- \$750 - Plastic containers for chili cook-off (1st Friday in December) - commission members will take them to the community center kitchen to wash things
 - Possibly buy Bins for compost (Kevin), recycling, color coding? Test out a program and loan out as needed for others hosting events
- \$1,000 - Public awareness sticker or cling for public education

Decision Item: 2025 Commission Budget was voted on and approved unanimously.

2024 Upcoming Projects

- Thanksgiving Lions Club Thanksgiving - Sat., Nov. 23 - consider volunteering for this event
- Chili Cookoff - Friday, Dec. Dec. 6 - plan to wash the reusable containers after the event

2025 Project Planning

- Earth Day - New Castle Earth Day - several groups participate -
- Decision Item: Sat., April 26, 2025
Discussion of partners - Mountain Waste, Evergreen Xeriscape, Fire Department, E-car, Garfield Co weed program, CSU extension, Garden Club, Lions, Watershed Council, Generation Wild - Go Co, Bear Aware & Wildlife - in Burning Mountain Park (or City Market) - partner with Drifters for live music, local sponsors (Kevin's coffee shop)

September 19, 2024 minutes -

Motion: Commissioner Morris moved to approve the 9/19 meeting minutes with the clerical changes, Commissioner Bakick seconded - Approved Unanimously

New Business/Future Agenda Items

- **New Castle Fire Plan** - Arrange to promote the fire plan for the community - Can we get an update on what the town does to notify community members of evacuation, plans, etc.? Can the town/commission do a dry run evaluation? Print out single sheet map of new castle with evacuation.

- **Website content** - next meeting - xeriscaping, fire, recycling, pollinators, weeds

Next meeting - Nov. 21 - 4:00

Action Item: Commissioner Elder will reach out to Commissioner Anglemyer and get a letter of resignation as needed.

Consider an ambassador's program for volunteer opportunities.

Motion: Commissioner Candriea made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Sharon Morris

Commission Chair Tom Elder