



Climate Action Report Feedback

Sustainability Advisory Board – 7.15.20

Recommendation		Voting	Comments
Governance		4 Approve as written	
Adaptation and Resilience	AR.1) Public Health	3 Approve as written 1 Approve with noted considerations	Do we have examples of municipalities that have similar goals that are meeting the goals? Would like to see how that is being accomplished.
	AR.2) Water Conservation	1 Approve as written 3 Approve with noted considerations	Goal seems arbitrary, fully in support of programs that reduce water consumption, but am not sure that a 40% reduction by 2025 will create workable strategies that are well accepted and sustainable. Goal is unachievable. Will be very supportive of greywater. Very difficult to achieve with a marketplace where other cities are not making this ambitious goals. Need an educated populace that will stay put and not move to other cities. Would like to see an example of a similar City that is achieving the goal and know the techniques. Put greywater back on the table.

	AR.3) Flooding Mitigation and Preparedness Education	<p>1 Approve as written</p> <p>3 Approve with noted considerations</p>	<p>No clear prioritization or framework to link all of the goals together. There are more achievable or ambitious goals for City to focus on.</p> <p>There is already education about flooding at parks on Resilient St. Vrain. Commercial realtors and developers should already know and have funding to educate themselves; the City should not pay for that.</p> <p>Matter of priority, because of the 2013 flood, already a heightened awareness of flooding. Should focus on other recommendations first.</p> <p>Does not seem to be on the same scale as public health and water conservation. Why is flood education listed on the same level?</p>
Building Energy Use	BE.1) Building Codes	<p>1 Approve as written</p> <p>2 Approve with noted considerations</p> <p>1 Do not approve</p>	<p>Do not have problem with solar ready provisions and EnergySmart appliances. Have a problem with transitioning to electric heaters and hot water heaters. This policy has worked well in places without winters but is unrealistic here, right now. Could save similar amounts of GHG emissions with other approaches that are less expensive – like efficiency.</p> <p>What is the capacity of the power capacity and the impact of blocks going down because of a stressed</p>

			<p>grid? Does put a burden on builders.</p> <p>Do not approve: Do not want to transition to electric when the City is making its electricity using coal. Equity issue when requiring the consumer to go to all electric. Stress on businesses, especially small businesses. Agree with above comments as well.</p>
	BE.2) Electrification	3 Approve as written 1 Approve with noted considerations	<p>Electrification as a goal is not a fair goal when the City is still using coal. Would be more in favor, if the recommendation were more focused on considering if electrification is an option.</p> <p>Comment from a different Board Member: Should be looked at with context of 100% RE goal, we are 50% there.</p>
	BE.3) Commercial Building Benchmarking	4 Approve as written	<p>What are we doing to bring education to developers?</p>
	BE.4) Commercial Efficiency and Rebates	4 Approve as written	
	BE.5) Increase Residential Efficiency Works™ Program Utilization	3 Approve as written 1 Approve with noted considerations	<p>Need targets that are more aggressive.</p>
	BE.6) Expand Low-Income Residential Energy Efficiency Program	4 Approve as written	

	BE.7) Climate Action Fund Program & Staff	3 Approve as written 1 Approve with noted considerations	Equity issues of mandated electrification.
Education and Outreach	EO.1) Comprehensive Workforce Development	4 Approve as written	<p>Reword to assess marketplace need and market to bring people here. Need to assess a market need for the jobs.</p> <p>See this as Front Range Community College offering more courses on green job training. Or opportunities to transition those currently in oil and gas.</p> <p>If implement all of the climate action recommendations, will need more trained workers.</p>
	EO.2) “Big Picture” Climate Lecture Series	2 Approve as written 2 Approve with noted considerations	<p>Echo chamber activities. Are not going to reach who we want to reach.</p> <p>Agree with the above, but it can also be done better. Concern about just focusing predominately on carbon and no other parts of climate change.</p> <p>Virtue signaling is not detrimental. This recommendation is positive because it targets young people in Longmont.</p>
	EO.3) Climate Change Article Series	3 Approve as written 1 Approve with noted considerations	Echo chamber activities. Are not going to reach whom we are trying to reach.

	EO.4) Longmont Museum Teaching Exhibit	3 Approve as written 1 Approve with noted considerations	Include other topics besides just carbon.
	EO.5) Community Sustainability Liaison Program	3 Approve as written 1 Approve with noted considerations	<p>Feel more positive about this because more one-on-one interaction.</p> <p>Do not have a problem with the idea, but do not think it will have a far reach.</p>
Land Use and Waste Management	LW.1) Extending Agricultural Zoning	<p>1 Approve with noted considerations</p> <p>3 Do not approve</p>	<p>It is a positive and useful to encourage people to grow their own food, but needs to be tied into greywater and education. Want it to be stronger and include a section on preserving farms as farms. Need to expand allowing residents to put veggies in their front yard.</p> <p>Do not approve comments:</p> <p>Not a solution to address hunger or an efficient way to address local food issues. Rather encourage local farms.</p> <p>This recommendation is a band-aid solution on a deeply structural problem of removing agricultural land in Longmont.</p>
	LW.2) Commercial & Residential Composting	3 Approve as written 1 Approve with noted considerations	Need to start with commercial recycling before composting. 75% seems high.
	LW.3) Downtown Pay for Parking	4 Do not approve	Municipal parking spots for downtown employees where they can park all day.

Renewable Energy	RE.1) Smart Meters	3 Approve as written 1 Do not approve	Need a hardwired option. And bring in an expert to discuss local lawsuits around data security and health issues.
	RE.2) Home Energy Management Systems	4 Approve with noted considerations	Ways to try to save energy that require expensive equipment. Better to spend money on insulation and better windows. Agree with above. Agree with above. Expensive improvement. Agree with above.
	RE.3) Energy Savings Program	4 Approve with noted considerations	Ways to try to save energy that require expensive equipment. Better to spend money on insulation and better windows. Same comments as above. Notification on their phone would be useful and helpful. But needs to be simple.
	RE.4) Carbon-Intensity Signaling Protocols	4 Approve as written	Opportunity to get kids involved. Simple opportunity to learn.
	RE.5) Distributed Energy Resources (small scale renewable power generation & storage)	4 Approve as written	
Transportation	T.1) Increase effectiveness of public transit system: Checkpoint /	4 Approve as written	

	Flexible Bus Services		
	T.2) Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure	2 Approve as written 2 Do not approve	Do we have that many electric cars yet? Bikeways and public transportation are better options than assuming everyone is going to afford an electric car. Hate to lose parking spots. Government does not provide gas stations so we should not provide electric charging stations. Equity issues: why are we subsidizing those who can afford electric vehicles? This is creating expensive infrastructure and it is a bad investment. Would like more research on this.
	T.3) Connected Bikeways	4 Approve as written	Safe, not near cars. Available to not just bikes: rollerblades, skateboards, scooters.
	T.4) Alternative Work Schedules	4 Approve as written	Great for wildlife and air quality.
Any other comments?		1 Board Member had this comment for all recommendations: Do we have examples of municipalities that have similar goals that are meeting the goals? Would like to see how that is being accomplished.	

Climate Action Report High-Level Comments

Comments from individual board members and were not voted on by the full board.

	High-Level Comments
JTP Committee Equity Recommendations	Great recommendations. Who will ask the questions moving forward? The community should be involved in answering

	<p>the questions. Agree with continuing to work with the JTP Committee.</p> <p>Equity is always good.</p>
Community Engagement?	<p>Community engagement and outreach: focus on high school and junior high age Longmont residents. Focus on receptive groups.</p> <p>Better headlines and outreach on information included in the bill. Maybe more condensed.</p> <p>Reach out to faith groups more.</p> <p>Give restaurants and incentive to put something on a menu.</p>
General Comments?	<p>Can SAB see any revisions to the proposed climate action recommendations?</p> <p>Just Transition Plan is the reason that the Sustainability Plan is worth it and is the key that could make things work.</p> <p>Good job doing it in 6 months. Understand that the recommendations are initial brainstorming and found it to be comprehensive. There are good ideas.</p>