



**North Coast Co-op
Earth Action Committee (EAC) Minutes
September 13, 2017– Ten Pin Building Mezzanine, Arcata**

EAC Members present: Cheri Strong, Colin Fiske, Mary Ella Anderson, Leah Stamper (chair)

Member-Employees present: Emily Walter, Kiya Villarreal, Melanie Bettenhausen

Members present: John

1. Welcomes/introductions/agenda review and additions:

At 6:45 pm the meeting is called to order by committee chair Leah.

2. Approve August 9, 2017 minutes

Consensus reached to approve the August 9, 2017 minutes.

3. Arcata parking lot/ I street visioning

Arcata Parking Lot

- A long time ago Kash Boodjeh and his team worked on ideas for making the Co-op more bike and pedestrian friendly. Melanie reviewed these ideas via a power point presentation to kickstart our brainstorming momentum for I street visioning.
- A geological site survey has already been completed for the Arcata parking lot.
- Colin would like to see the last row of parking spaces metered.
- Colin wants a pedestrian lane through the parking lot
- Leah mentioned Ray, a bike guy that would like to be part of this discussion.

ACTION: Leah will invite Ray to participate.

- Colin would like to see better rain water catchment systems.

I Street Visioning

- The group discussed I Street potential and how traffic could be slowed to make it more pedestrian/bicycle friendly.
- What about making I street a no auto street?
 - o Other businesses might not like a no auto idea.
 - o Delivery trucks could be allowed on a bicycle only street.
- If it were to become a one-way street, it should only have one lane with diagonal parking on one side and a bike lane on other side. If there is enough room there could be a two-way bike lane.
- This change could be from 7 to 11th street.
- Coalition for transportation priorities if proposing to pedestrianize 8/9th streets on the plaza. G/H streets on the plaza would still have motorcars but altered.
- One thought is that if parking is removed from 8/9th streets on the plaza it could be partially replaced with increased diagonal parking on I street.
- Melanie is going to the Arcata safety transportation commission meeting next week. What should our message be?
 - o Let's share our current plans for our parking lot and ideas for I street and how it all ties in = Safer, More Inviting, Increased shoppers.
 - o Cheri likes the idea of going for it all and ask to close all traffic on I street.
 - o The group would like Melanie to use her best judgement to push the envelope with the city for a better I St.

Zagster Bikes

- The City of Arcata wants Zagster at the Arcata Co-op and won't charge the Co-op.
- The current idea is to place the Zagster bikes where the old posting station is in the back of the parking lot on I St.

4. Sustainability coordinator update

Kiya reviewed the sustainability update. Kiya noted how surprised she was to discover that the Eureka Co-op is producing ~ 1,500 pounds of landfill was a week. This was much more than she expected. She will be looking into what the majority of the waste consists of and start working on reducing that number. On a positive note, new composting capabilities and education has increased the amount of compostables being collected.

5. Discuss agenda items for next meeting:

- Arcata Parking Lot

ACTION: Melanie will invite Kash to discuss ideas for the parking lot.

6. Review: Next meeting will be October 11 at 6:45pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07pm

Minutes by Emily Walter