



North Coast Co-op  
Earth Action Committee (EAC) Minutes  
October 18, 2016 – Ten Pin Building Mezzanine, Arcata

EAC Members present:

Melanie Bettenhausen, Dave Feral, Collin Fiske, Lauren Fawcett, Roger, Brenda Harper, Jolie Harvey, Ellie Christensen, Cassie Blom and Kala Eichamer (notetaker).

At 5:30 the meeting is called to order and introductions.

Agenda Review: Discussion included: Roger would like to revisit Electric Car charging.

**Consensus reached to approve the September 20 minutes.**

Board Meeting follow-up. Discussion included: No new tasks from the board.

AMRTS Review. Discussion included: Melanie needed to connect with Larry Pardi regarding possibility of stop at J & 8<sup>th</sup>. Email results They only deviate route on Saturdays to avoid unsafe conditions. They need to update route description to reflect this. Regular hourly stops at 11<sup>th</sup> & K and on the plaza at 9<sup>th</sup> & H. He apologizes for any confusion. It is the Saturday route but hasn't been labeled as such. Discussion if the community got behind the change maybe we could initiate interest. The bus would need to ultimately stop both ways to be effective for customers.

Is there an ecological value in setting up a service for people so that they can place orders and we could deliver. Eureka Grocery Delivery business is for sale. Is there value in a delivery system to reduce cars on the road vs. public transportation. Cost to convert vans to electric? \$15,000.00-\$22,000.00 per Roger. Could the Coop look at the business books to see the sales numbers and if they would be enough to be worth our while to pursue. Possible delivery fee that decreases with order size. Streamlining of systems in the Deli are needed to facilitate this kind of program. A buying club concept applied to prepared foods. Possibility of doing a soft roll out with the delivery vehicles we have then possibly add and or replace vehicles with electric. How do we take action?

1. Get information from Eureka Grocery Delivery as well as vehicle information.
2. Recommendation to board: Direct staff to research the feasibility of a food delivery service.
3. Recommend to board to ask staff to follow up with City of Arcata (Larry Pardi) regarding making the Saturday Route Change official and possibly establish new stops.

Electric Vehicle Outlets Update: Roger thinks that especially if it is going to be costly; the need to have a charging station has become obsolete as cars have longer range now. A quick charge station would only need to be installed if the coop invests in electric delivery vehicles and would only be used for those vehicles. Discussion of fees associated with electric charging. Charging stations could be a source of income in the future but it would be an investment.

Zero Waste Policy Discussion included: Need wording for new policy. Should PPC take this up? Maggie Gainer would be a good resource but she is out of country until December. Attendees of Zero waste training, Derick Powell and Eric Sharp should report out to the board. Kala will ask if attendees can report out about training. Maybe report at the December Board meeting so that they can become informed and make a recommendation for moving forward to develop a policy. Then possibly the next step would be it goes to committee for further review and Maggie could be available to advise them.

Durable Goods Bank: Discussion included: Bank would be a place in the store where people could donate reusable bags and they would be available for customers to use and return. Issues encountered in other coops have included dirty or unusable bags, question about compliance with health department. Some have had great success. Cassie will provide Facebook feed document to help with input as to problems and success other stores have had. The coop would possibly need to wash them before use. **Review at next meeting then possibly bring it to the board in December.**

Prioritize outstanding items from charter and set agenda:

1. Solar panels for hot water use. Have discussion at next meeting with Duncan John and Roger to discuss next steps. Discuss different ways on measuring environmental impact in anticipation of the Deli remodel in Eureka.
2. Have Derick come and present what he learned at Zero Waste training to help develop a metric system.

Review: Next meeting will be November 15 at 5:30pm

Meeting Adjourned at 6:40pm

Minutes by Kala Eichamer

**Committee Recommendations:**

1. **Request information from Duncan to understand his process and timeline for measuring hot water usage.**
2. **Direct staff to research the feasibility of a food delivery service.**
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