



**North Coast Co-op
Earth Action Committee (EAC) Minutes
November 8, 2017– Ten Pin Building Mezzanine, Arcata**

Board Members present: Leah Stamper (chair), Colin Fiske

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

Members present: Steve Thomas, Trudy Thomas

1. Welcomes and Review

At 6:47pm the meeting was called to order by committee chair Leah Stamper and introductions were made.

2. Approve Minutes

Consensus reached to approve the October 11, 2017 minutes.

3. Arcata parking lot

Melanie led the group through a visualization of accessing the Arcata Co-op through the parking lot. The group then shared what they experienced in their personal visualization.

- Bike from 9th requires going on sidewalk or biking through middle aisle and around.
- More pleasant on weekend when there are more walkers = less stress making contact with drivers.
- There is a line of cars on 8th street after 5pm
- It is hard to see pedestrians because of all of the cars
- Long way to walk with kids while dodging cars, no safe pathways
- No path to get carts across the parking lot
- Hill causes cart to roll away from vehicle (oh no, there's a kid in that cart!)
- Some customers need help pushing carts
- Fender benders in middle row
- Aggressive tablers are uncomfortable
- Narrow sidewalk near bump out
- No safe place to disembark from bikes in front of the store from 8th street

WISH LIST – what physical changes would you like to see made?

- Cart/pedestrian path through parking lot
- Area in front of store where people can hang out and eat food – no vehicles
- Dining area/awning/solarium
- Less entrances to parking lot for autos
- Close 8th street side and open an I street entrance.
- Leveled or terraced/flat parking area
- Grass pavers for drainage
- Native plants
- Let's visualize a parking area with 70-80% less auto use compared to current use
- Plant edible plants
- Covered bike parking with no auto use between bike parking and store/accommodate trailer bikes
- Metering some or all of the parking
- Staged reduction of parking.
- Pop-up space for event hosting
- Analyze member spending compared to where they live.

4. RePower Humboldt – reported by Colin

The community choice program started in May. Our energy source now comes from Redwood Energy Authority instead of PG&E. Part of the program is the option to opt into more sustainable energy. There are incentives to put in solar panels.

Current kilowatt usage in Eureka is 82,000kW/month. That is (\$9,800/year just for Eureka).

One way to budget for this is to opt up but at the same time reduce energy by 1% to offset the cost.

5. Sustainability coordinator update

Zero Waste Day is Nov. 15!

- We are the main sponsor with the City of Arcata for Zero Waste Day
- Several groups will be at the Arcata store to promote zero waste actions on Nov. 15.
- We are focused on making sustainability exciting - never shaming people.
- Working on education materials on how to use your own containers at deli counters.

- Travis recommends color coordinating trash bags between trash/compost/recycling.
- Planning to send out letters to valued vendors to consider our zero waste policies in their packaging.

6. New business

None

7. Discuss agenda items for next meeting:

- RePower Humboldt
- Incentive to use reusables

8. Review: Next meeting will be December 13, 6:45-8pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:29pm

Minutes by Emily Walter