



**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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*