



Earth Action Committee Minutes – January 9, 2019 Ten Pin Building, Arcata

Present

Board Members: Colin Fiske, Cheri Strong, Leah Stamper

Member-Employees: Emily Walter, Kiya Villarreal

Members: None

1. Welcomes and Review

At 6:55pm the meeting was called to order by Leah.

- Kiya – I would like to add an agenda item about waste reduction and agenda item about low income accessibility ideas.
- Colin – I received a request for the Co-op to become a certified bicycle friendly business. The City of Arcata is silver certified. They're trying to get gold status and need more businesses to be certified. The certification is \$100. There's currently only one other business in Humboldt County that is certified. Completing the application will give us feedback about our store and provide next steps for being more bicycle friendly.

ACTION: Kiya will work to complete the application this month and look to find a way to pay for the fee.

2. Approve Minutes

Consensus reached to approve the December 2018 minutes as amended (one typo on the bottom of page 1).

3. Member Comment

None

4. Local Products Waste Reduction – reported by Kiya

Kiya is working on getting Angie's Chai available for refill in their growlers in the Arcata Bakery. Angie's Chai would advertise that we are a refill site. They seem to have quite the following.

5. Food Equity – reported by Kiya

Kiya spoke with a WIC employee who said they can do free cashier trainings. We need this training to make sure all our shoppers feel comfortable to do all their shopping at the Co-op. All cashiers should have a mandatory WIC training. The bulk departments should have more WIC items pre-packaged and weighed out to the exact amount required by WIC. There should be something on the website that includes all our co-op deals, along with something to fill out to help a person budget their meals and then purchase items.

ACTION: Kiya will find out more about the WIC trainings (i.e. what materials are provided and how long the training takes).

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| <p>Recommendation to the board: As part of excellent customer service, all relevant staff will receive training in administering WIC benefits.</p> |
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| <p>Approved by consensus.</p> |
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6. Arcata Parking Lot

Tabled

7. Electric Vehicle Parking – reported by Kiya

Kiya visited the website to review the logistics. If we have just one station it does not have to be ADA accessible.

ACTION: Kiya will find the deadline for applying for funding.

8. Sustainability Coordinator Update – reported by Kiya

There are now signs that show the tare weight of standard General Merchandise durables. We're looking to get durable organic cotton grain bags for bulk items. Some of the bags come with tare weights on them, or it could be hand stamped onto the bags. We are working to switch the plastic bulk honey and peanut butter containers to compostable ones.

The City of Arcata and City of Eureka are submitting grants to get an industrial composter. Kiya is supportive and helping with this to the extent she can.

Kiya is looking into getting the Co-op and earth tub composter. There is space at the Eureka Co-op near the back-loading gate. The Davis Food Co-op and HSU both use earth tubs.

- Cheri – in the latest Food Processing Magazine there is an article about reaching the tipping point for reducing plastics in consumer goods.

9. Next Agenda Items

- Food Equity Follow-up
- Solar (Roger)
- Arcata Parking Lot (Travis)
- Electric Vehicle Parking

10. Next Meeting Date

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:04pm

Minutes by Emily Walter