



# Earth Action Committee

## Minutes – September 12, 2018

Ten Pin Building, Arcata

### Present

**Board Members:** Colin Fiske, Cheri Strong, Leah Stamper, Robert Donovan

**Member-Employees:** Emily Walter

**Members:** Kai Wilson, Angie Edmunds, Roger

### 1. Welcomes and Review

At 6:45pm the meeting was called to order by Leah.

### 2. Approve Minutes

Consensus reached to approve the August 2018 minutes.

### 3. Member Comment

- Roger – recently got food from the deli that we prepacked in a plastic container. The manager told me the plastic will break down in my garden. That plastic would likely need an industrial composter and would not break down in my backyard compost.
- The group discussed industrial composting.
- Emily – recently received great service at the Arcata hot bar using my own half pint jar. Also, while checking out a customer in line thanked me for using my own bags and jars. It made me feel good to be recognized for something that I've been doing for so long. It reminded me that we don't have to rely on cashiers to recognize people, we can recognize fellow shoppers ourselves.
- The group discussed that there can be confusion when filling your own container with liquid items such as soap or shampoo that are sold by the ounce. Some cashiers giving confusing information to customers while others are pros at it.
- Roger – what about bulk tofu?
  - o Emily – Kiya just put up signs on the deli case showing that bulk tofu is available. She is also putting a sign up where tofu is sold in the cold cases.
- Ky – would like a way to recycle tetra packs. Could they be shipped out anywhere to be recycled?
- The group discussed tetra packs and whether they actually get recycled anywhere.
- Robert – suggests the Co-op go into the business of producing nut milks in bulk/glass containers.
- ACTION: Kiya will look into this.

### 4. 100% Renewable Energy Update

We are getting closer to reaching this goal. Hoping we'll be 100% renewable by early

### 5. Bulk Department

The group looked at the new bulk brochure.

- Leah – wants tags next to items that are available in bulk.
- What about promoting bulk more? Having regular bulk discount days. What about demoing bulk items?
- We should advertise a bulk month with promotions
- Ky – the individually wrapped toilet papers come in a large box, with no plastic.
- How many rolls come in a box? What would a case cost?
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- Angie – I'd like to see little signs in produce that say, I'm packaged naturally – you don't need a bag for me (i.e. avocados)
- Angie and Ky are interested in tabling outside of the store to help educate shoppers about buying in bulk.

#### **6. Parking Lot**

- Colin - The parking lot should be navigable without risking your life. We now have Zagster bikes, but to walk from the Zagster bike station to the store is difficult.
- Some liked the idea of 1-hour metered parking in the last row of the lot.

#### **7. Sustainability Coordinator Update**

The group reviewed the written report that was part of this month's EAC meeting packet.

#### **8. Next Agenda Items**

- Parking lot
- PG&E Clean-up
- Compostable bags for produce/bulk/reusable container options

#### **9. Next Meeting Date**

Next meeting will be October 10, 6:45-8pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm

*Minutes by Emily Walter*

Floating Item: bulk alcohol