



Earth Action Committee

Minutes – September 15, 2022

Zoom Call

Board Members: Roger, Alexandra Profant

Member-Employees: Kiya Villarreal, Emily

Members:

1. **Welcomes and Review** – At 6:45pm the meeting was called to order.

2. **Approve July Minutes**

Approved by consensus.

3. **Member Comments**

- Roger – Joyce King and some others like the idea of having endcaps with products that are truly plastic free. Also, some would like more information about what products arrive to the store in plastic, not including pallet wrapping.
- Kiya – Lizzy has asked we bring back our vendor letter that is available on our website that is a simple way to contact vendors about plastic use.

4. **TerraCycle Program**

A new TerraCycle program has been implemented in both Wellness Departments that accepts difficult to recycle plastic products. The Co-op purchased Terracycle boxes for both stores, and once they're filled with used and clean plastic wellness department products the Co-op pays to mail the materials to be recycled.

5. **Composter Update**

Our composter lease ends in January. The City of Eureka should have a curbside composting option by then. The committee discussed pros and cons for renewing the composter lease.

- Kiya – it would be so much better if we had a composter with a shredder. If I was given the choice to go back and get this composter I would, it's been worth it.
- The committee recommends replacing the current composter with a new, larger machine with a shredder.

6. **Ideas for Earth Action Committee**

The group discussed ideas and future topics the EAC could address to keep the committee active and increase participation.

- It would be great to have signage that is screen based and big and interactive in the stores.
- Supply better options for carrying goods when on food/bike. A big challenge to carry groceries.
- Updating sustainability metrics.
- Update or replace 20-year statement of sustainability.
- Create a list of questions to get member feedback on.
- Large cut-out of Kiya to invite people to the meeting.
- What does Earth Action mean to you? How do you want our Co-op to participate in Earth Action?
- How to make BYO comfortable for everyone.
- Walkable carts.
- Durable exchange program.
- Compost education for schools/collaboration

7. **Next Meeting Date**

November 9, 2022, at 6pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm