



**PRESIDENT'S
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**

Meeting Minutes
February 13th, 1:00-2:30 pm
Virtual Meeting

- Attendance
 - Anthony Appleton, Alicia Armentrout, Audrey Snyder Welsh, Stacey Baumgarn, Tim Brennan, Farrah Bustamante, Sara Campbell, Carol Dollard, Jake Drenth, Brian Dunbar, Colleen Duncan, Aaron Fodge, Jamie Gaskill, Mark Gokavi, Bryn Hall, Brendan Hanlon, Kenneth Kineer, Greg Lewis, Mary Liang, Margit Hentschel, Tonie Miyamoto, Mark Paquette, Ryan Scott, Sybil Sharvelle, Laura Shaver, Rodolfo Valdes Vasquez, Jacob VanderRoest, Joe von Fischer, Andrew Warnock, Jennifer Williams, Bill Timpson
- Presentation from Impact MBA Alum and ReKaivery Founder, Audrey Snyder Welsh
 - Audrey is an Impact MBA alum who graduated two years, with a focus on food systems.
 - During Audrey's time at CSU, Covid hit which really changed how people accessed and viewed food systems, looking to support the local food economy. The Fort Collins Delivery Network was started with her classmates to volunteer time to deliver food, medicine, etc. Audrey and one of her colleagues started ReKaivery to help increase local food access and make sure people can meet and support their local farmers. They source from 40 vendors within 50 miles and are a SNAP retailer to bridge local food access and food security. They sell produce within 1 -3 days of harvest to cut down on food waste. They had 160 local community members supporting the program and USDA grants to start. They renovated a shipping container to have low overhead costs so that more of the money generated is going back to local producers. They worked with the EPA to understand how food miles work. They are part of the Poudre Food Partnership, funded by USDA Regional Food System Partnership Grant, to understand what gaps there are in local food system resiliency, vibrancy, and diversity. Current collaborators include CSU Extension, Foodshed Project, La Familia, and The Growing Project. Audrey would like to support the new Sustainable Food Procurement Working Group in any way possible and is open to exploring collaboration with sustainable food, SNAP, RamCash, etc.
 - Audrey shared several ideas and potential partners for the PSC Sustainable Food Procurement Working Group.
 - Audrey's email for further questions or conversation: audrey@rekaivery.com
- Sustainable Food Procurement Group
 - PSC Working Groups are short-term (from a few months to a few years) and can be brought forward by any PSC member with a charge and chairperson. They are goal-oriented and sunset once the goal is met. Anyone from CSU can join a PSC working group.
 - Alicia Armentrout and Mary Liang: Our Sustainable Food Procurement working group will have a three-fold charge, with later tasks evolving from the outcome of those starting goals. We will need to determine what strategy will work best for CSU with fiscal and procurement rules, how to standardize and receive better data from our suppliers, and what partnerships will be necessary. These three initial tasks are the most important for beginning to tackle food procurement, with later tasks evolving from there. This working group will likely be a longer-term group given the scope of the issue.
 - PSC members voted to approve the Working Group.
 - If you would like to join the working group or know anyone at CSU that would be interested, contact Alicia Armentrout (Alicia.Armentrout@colostate.edu).

- CSU Transportation Demand Management Master Plan Update
 - Aaron Fodge: Parking & Transportation Services is currently in the process of updating the 2014 PTS Master Plan, this new plan will be the Transportation Demand Management Master Plan to acknowledge meeting the needs of commuters. An engineering firm has been hired to assist with the planning process and received a grant from CDOT. Target completion is at the end of the fiscal year so the completed plan can be incorporated into the CSU Master Plan Update in 2024. With this plan, the goal is to align modes of transportation to the needs of students and employees. This will be done through transportation planning with 5 key goals: improve infrastructure connectivity and circulation; improve permeability of walkways, bikeways, and transit; improve multimodal safety; prioritize the movement of people – system efficiency; and support interconnectivity between modes. It will be a data driven plan, utilizing University data estimates and a variety of other sources/factors.
 - Aaron answered several of the chat questions:
 - CSU can suggest another ride hailing location (ride sharing = reduction in trip ie. carpool and van pool. Ubers and Lyfts are considered ride hailing) that does not impede bike lanes.
 - Airport shuttle options: Groome already using the transit center to operate on campus. PTS open to other companies using transit center but will need to set a schedule so transit center is not inundated at the same time.
 - Already ample parking during Game Days so that is not a concern.
 - Bike theft is still considered a large problem. PTS working with PD on camera tracking. CSU lost \$330k in stolen bike property over the last two years. University is looking into secure bike parking and indoor bike parking – these are building standards for new buildings. If there are recommendations for safe bike storage in existing buildings, let Aaron know.
 - With the opening of SPUR, there can be many opportunities for transportation between Main campus for faculty and staff throughout the week. There are carpool matching cloud services available – PTS is looking into it for the future. This will likely be a recommendation to the Master Plan to investigate transportation opportunities. Currently, staff can take Bustang into Union Station, and transfer to the N line, which goes directly to SPUR campus. There are EV chargers on SPUR’s campus, as well as charter buses folks can rent.
 - Jamie provided a follow-up email with ways people can get involved and provide feedback.
 - Visit the TDM Plan website: tdmplan.colostate.edu
 - Complete this [ten-minute online activity](#) to let us know how you would invest in transportation at CSU
 - [Volunteer](#) to participate in a focus group. Focus groups will be in-person and food will be provided during the following dates/times:
 - February 23, 2023, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
 - February 23, 2023, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - March 1, 2023, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
 - [Sign up](#) for email or text message updates about the TDM Master Plan
 - Check out the [SOURCE](#) story about the TDM Master Plan Update
- Earth Month Discussion
 - Last year, ASCSU split Earth Month into weekly themes. Some colleges and departments already had events slated prior to the announcement of themed weeks and shared it was tough to fit events into the themes. PSC discussed at the January retreat and opted to go back to a full month of open programming. Any event/ speaker/ program can be added to the Earth Month line-up on Green.colostate.edu by sharing a URL either on your website or the CSU calendar.
 - Email all programs to Tonie by Friday 3/10 to be included in print materials or by April 1 to be included in electronic mentions (ex. green.colostate.edu). All Earth Month programs will be listed on the website.

- Scheduled Events
 - PSC milestone and recognition event will likely be scheduled either April 17 or 19. CSU Sustainability Fund recipients will get to present for 5 minutes in-person during the PSC milestone event. The event is invite-only (PSC members, award nominees, and award recipients).
 - Nominations will be open to the entire CSU community and will close on March 15. Nomination Form available on green.colostate.edu:
<https://green.colostate.edu/sustainability-recognition-nomination/>
 - 4/19 SOGES climate conference for high school students
 - 4/20 Earth Day Festival (4/21 Rain Date)
 - ASCSU will be doing some tours and film screenings during the month.
 - HDS will be hosting a compost giveaway and e-waste collection as well. Date TBD.
- Member Updates
 - Carol Dollard: CSU is hosting 50 people @ SPUR Hydro this week, on how to transition all colleges to net zero carbon.
 - Mary Liang: The CSU Waste Audit is coming back 3/23 from 9:30 – 12:30. Please help us learn about our student's waste behavior, and sorting knowledge. Sign up sheet here:
<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/767010032424060073/false#/invitation>
 - Mary Liang: Durrell Center is piloting a reusable to-go container this Spring, where diners can opt into receiving a reusable container when ordering food. The adoption rate is good, and diners are returning the containers within 3-4 days (much better than expected) at drop off boxes in Durrell. If you eat at Durrell Center in the coming months, look for that program.
 - Tonie Miyamoto and Stacey Baumgarn: Participated in a STARS workshop hosted by IBE at University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. The group, similar to PSC, is starting their STARS 2.2 report and they are currently a Gold STARS school. It was a nice perspective to connect with another institution on their process and we feel fortunate that CSU has such a dedicated STARS team and lots of support from PSC and throughout the university.
 - Tonie Miyamoto: There was a sustainability session for the Clark renovation last week. The project is slated for LEED Gold. The firm is the same one from SPUR Hydro (who is very close to a LEED Platinum building), so that is encouraging to see. There were some experimental projects at SPUR that may not work on Main Campus. 90% of students take at least one course in Clark so student impact and sustainability experience can be very impactful in this project. Carol is encouraged by this design team because they have worked with CSU in the past and done good work. A big challenge will be trying to align sustainability values and vision to a limited budget.
 - Tonie Miyamoto: PSC March meeting will be canceled as it occurs over Spring Break. We could meet the week before or the week after. Most attendees voted for 3/6 to discuss Earth Month programming before print deadline. Kirstie sent a Teams invite changing the date.