

Green Mountain Sustainable Neighborhood Kick-off Meeting
 Dunstan Middle School – Art Room
 Thursday, June 8 from 6-8 PM

Intro Ice Breaker	Michael DeRosia	<p>Planning team: Michael DeRosia, Kami Hinger, Mary Gilkison, Louisa Kramer, Connie Mar, Jim Maxwell, Barb Mills-Bria, Rhonda Peters, LaDawn Sperling</p> <p>Attendees living the longest in Green Mountain: 50, 46, 33, and 30 years.</p>
Sustainable Neighborhoods Program	Johnathan Wachtel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable neighborhood program was initiated when residents kept asking why the city isn't providing more education regarding composting, recycling, solar energy and other topics of interest and concern for sustainability. • Program is designed to identify neighborhood initiatives and workshops, identify resources and expertise to accomplish the initiatives and workshops. • Two neighborhoods launched the program in 2012/2013 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eiber & Belmar • Three new neighborhoods started the program 2013/2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Southern Gables, South of 6th Avenue, and Lake Lochwood Village • Three new neighborhoods started the program 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Green Mountain, Morse Park, Applewood <p>This is Happening (see Power Point pdf for full details)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eiber created the Resilience Circle that has met monthly for four years with a potluck and different speakers/activities. • In 4 years, 5 neighborhoods held 300+ projects/events/workshops with 5000+ participants <p>The Benefits (see Power Point pdf for full details)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community and environmental benefits • Denver learned from city of Lakewood and now has 11 sustainable neighborhoods • Representatives from Boulder County in attendance tonight to learn • Denver-Lakewood Summer Potluck Picnic Sunday, July 23 from 12-3 PM Sloan's Lake park

The Basics	Alyssa Vogan	<p>(see Power Point pdf for full details) Turn ideas into action and get certified as participating or outstanding sustainable neighborhood! Credits are counted and rewarded yearly, for Green Mountain Sustainable neighborhood this means June 2017 – June 2018.</p> <p>Credit Eligible Activities Neighborhood Workshops = educational events Special Events = food drive, recycling program Neighborhood Resource = information such as fruit tree mapping, alternative transportation Neighborhood Inventory = Tracking progress towards goals, such as how many energy audits completed Implementation = completion of workshop, special event, initiative, project</p> <p>Program Goal Areas (examples) Energy: Renewable energy fair Water: Conservation, Efficiency, Quality People: Walk, bike, run clubs; literacy programs Land: Gardening, composting Air: Alternative transportation, Bee Safe, homemade cleaners</p>
Next Steps	Alyssa Vogan	<p>Alyssa will compile the survey results</p> <p>Follow-up meeting Thursday, June 15 from 6-8 PM at Green Mountain High School Organize teams around initiatives Identify team leads and support</p> <p>Newsletter will be added to Green Mountain Sustainable Neighborhood website and sent to everyone in our neighborhood.</p> <p>See pdf for details on Starting a Project and available tools</p>

Belmar Sustainable Neighborhood Activities	Doug	<p>Goal for Belmar: bring their small, new community together. Meet people and learn neighbors are great resources (master gardeners, NREL employees, etc.)</p> <p>Started with three big projects and lots of little workshops</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Community garden (in conjunction with Denver Urban Gardens) 2) Car2Go service created a hub in Belmar 3) National Night Out on the Plaza: Festival with Fire, Police; Belmar restaurants donated food; 300-500 people attend every year. <p>Energy audits, waste, health and wellness (cycling, walking, running)</p> <p>Often one person champions their area of interest</p>
Questions	Neighbor	<p>Is it possible to have sponsors that reward certifications, such as free concert tickets for the neighborhood that has been an outstanding sustainable neighborhood for four years?</p> <p>Answer: Each neighborhood establishes partnerships with businesses during projects. For instance, Jewell ACE Hardware has provided workshops and offered discounts.</p>
Green Mountain Schools	Dunstan Principal	<p>Middle and High School students are very interested in sustainability.</p> <p>Green Mtn High School is building a green house.</p> <p>We need to leverage the schools to teach classes, and not consider the schools as just a place to meet.</p>
Topic Summaries	Wildlife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education for local schools, using resources from National Park Service • Invasive Species removal; volunteers • Nature Hikes, wildflower walks • Signage regarding fox and deer migration
	Garden/ Compost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified a Master Composter who can provide classes • Planting a community garden at Dunstan, making the produce available for students to eat and perhaps share with Devinny • Education on water conservation; sprinkler efficiency, native plants, front yard gardens, edible plants, tree health
	Bee Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to investigate what chemicals are used in Green Mtn ditches and gullies • See if there is funding for city of Lakewood to plant Bee Safe plants in ditches and gullies • Education on alternatives to Round-up, pollinator plants, bee keeping, how to control wasps and yellow jackets without harming bees, how to avoid chemicals • Businesses that sell chemicals – provide alternatives (Eiber had success with this initiative)

Topic Summaries	Active Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a walking group that will also pick up trash, pull weeds • Nature hikes with seeding • Safety for walking, biking, running – group activities • Have the city add a flashing crosswalk at Green Mountain Park on Alameda Parkway • Take the walkability survey on Lakewood’s website • Provide clinics/workshops on bike maintenance; teach people how to fix their bikes; teach bike safety (for cyclists and drivers). Started a list of bike shops in our neighborhood. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Note: Bicycle Colorado has a grant program and will provide workshops • Biking and walking with children • Education on Green Mountain etiquette – horses, bikes, hikers
	Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dark Skies initiative to remove excess street and porch lights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Note: Will save Lakewood and Xcel money • Light bulb exchange at ACE Hardware • Energy Audits/ Energy 101 education • Solar garden; share a roof • Walkability/drivability to decrease car usage
	Recycle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify resources for recycling, including difficult to recycle items - Terracycle • Education for yard waste pickups/drop offs and battery recycle programs already available • Roll-off for spring and fall yard waste (similar to Southern Gables) • Single trash vs decreased trash companies (some prefer to maintain competition to keep prices lower); perhaps single trash company within cul de sacs per neighbor agreement • Education on Zero Waste lifestyle • Water Collection rules for Lakewood