



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

PSC Meeting Minutes
June 14th, 2021, 1:00pm-2:30pm

Virtual Meeting

I. Introductions

- a. **Attendees:** Tonie Miyamoto (Co-chair), Carol Dollard (Co-chair) Zahra Al-Saloom (Graduate Intern), Adam Vance, Aaron Fodge, Aleta Weller, Alicia Armentrout, Andrew Warnock, Anthony Rappe, Erika Benti, Julie Kallenberger, Mary Liang, Fred Haberecht, Stacey Baumgarn, Farrah Bustamante, Carol Dollard, Sybil Sharvelle, Tim Brennan, Sheela Backen, Rodolfo, Brian, Sara Campbell, Bill Timpson, Ryan Barome, Ryan Clayc omb
- b. Tonie asked about format for meetings starting in August (in-person or virtual), the vote was split with hybrid getting the most votes. We will look for a meeting room that can accommodate both in-person attendance as well as remote attendance and will let the group know if we are able to find a suitable location. In the meantime, meetings will remain virtual.

II. Vision Zero Presentation (Fred Haberecht, Erika Benti, Aaron Fodge)

- a. Originating in Sweden during the 1990s, Vision Zero is an international movement looking to reframe safety on roadways by minimizing traffic fatalities and creating equitable and safe roads.
 - i. Each year, 40,000 people are killed on roadways, and Vision Zero looks at proactive approaches to prevent these fatalities and severe injuries.
- b. Many American cities and globally have made their own vision zero initiatives based on their unique issues but have commonalities. For highest levels of city and institutional leadership, roadway safety is a priority.
 - i. Data collection and analysis are used to determine what the next steps are, as well as provide transparency to the public by adopting a lens of equity and community engagement.
 - ii. Vision Zero looks to physically manage speed to safe levels, slowing cars to decrease crashes and setting a timeline for zero traffic deaths and injuries.
- c. CSU would be first the university to adopt Vision Zero
 - i. CSU is a campus expanded in the 1950s- 1960s that had the ability to park without a permit, but today, permit use has changed and different modes of transportation have been adopted, mainly through bike or transit use.

- ii. CSU hasn't made the same strides in its physical form to accommodate change in modal split. Even with the separation of bikes and pedestrian lanes, there is still more work to be done to make campus safer and more accessible through education, policy, enforcement, and infrastructure change.
- d. There will be a framework to prioritize social sustainability. This will be done through 5 milestones:
 - i. A committee will complete street standards and make sure that all users are considered and universal design standards are applied.
 - ii. A subcommittee will pull together different assessments to be put under the Vision Zero umbrella:
 - 1. There will be a reporting mechanism to share findings, prioritize investments (lighting, etc.), and a crowdsourcing opportunity.
 - iii. Crash evaluation reporting will be developed, which is a step beyond police reporting. There will be an interdisciplinary committee that will assess the accident and determine what is needed based on the details of the accident (foliage or landscape obstacles, more or less enforcement, etc.).
 - iv. A conceptual review process for building new buildings will be implemented for streetscape to ADA grade sidewalks and transit pullouts, protected bike lines, etc.
 - v. The conducting prioritization report will collect crashes by locations, injuries, traffic counts, etc. by pulling all info to create a prioritization report for admin and a transparent website by giving updates to the goals of Vision Zero.
- e. For more information, please contact Erika Benti (erika.benti@colostate.edu).

III. RamsRead (Ryan Barone and Ryan Claycomb)

- a. RamsRead is a campus read initiative tri-chaired by Ryan Barone, Ryan Claycomb, and Albert Bimper born out of conversations around social justice movements, racial justice and anti-Black racism.
 - i. Books on EDI are chosen by a committee commissioned by President McConnell
- b. This initiative is a campus-wide book read to engage students accompanied by a set of conversations/guides for faculty and campus citizenship, particularly first year students.
- c. This year, RamsRead selected the ***Color of Food*** by **Natasha Bowens**.
 - i. *Color of Food* is a collection of oral histories that frame the food journey around the country, farmers around the country, farmers and communities of color, and how identities impact participation in food systems, injustice, and mechanisms for survival that shape experience.
- d. Definitions
 - i. [Food Justice is] the struggle against racism, exploitation, and oppression taking place within the food system that addresses inequality's root causes both within and beyond the food chain (Rasheed Hislop).

- ii. The Food Justice Movement works to ensure universal access to nutritious, affordable, and culturally appropriate food for all, while advocating for the well-being and safety of those involved in the food production process. The movement aims to address disparities in food access, particularly for communities of color and low-income communities, by examining the structural roots of our food system. Food Justice addresses questions of land ownership, agricultural practices, distribution of technology and resources, workers' rights, and the historical injustices communities of color have faced. Food Justice is closely intertwined with environmental justice and sustainability movements (Boston University).
- e. Natasha Bowens will visit campus to have conversations and engagement around food insecurity and food justice
- f. Classes, like the Eco Leaders, will incorporate the book into the curriculum, and students in the residence halls will engage through the residential curriculum. Any course is welcome to integrate the book and resources for faculty will be coming soon.
- g. [An E copy is available through the Morgan library](#) and the book is available for purchase through: <https://newsociety.com/books/c/the-color-of-food>.
- h. For more information, visit <https://ramsread.colostate.edu/>.

IV. Member Updates and Wrap-Up

- a. There is no scheduled July PSC meeting. Subcommittees are encouraged to use that time to meet and start advancing the goals outlined in the updated strategic plan.
- b. **Tonie** → Student Affairs looking into a Buy Nothing site for CSU. Buy Nothing is a global project emphasizing a gift economy through sharing skills, borrowing or receiving items at no cost, and asking for items you need.
 - i. Housing & Dining Services has partnered with Trash, Recycling, and Composting for many years to host a Move Out donation program and there is an identified need to provide a platform year-round to keep items out of the landfill and available for reuse.
 - ii. The program will be managed virtually, and students will arrange pickup and listings. This is a collaboration with Student Affairs Sustainability, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Off Campus Life, and Housing and Dining Services.
 - iii. <https://buynothingproject.org>
- c. **Julie** → Please check out the latest issue of Colorado Water newsletter on Climate Change and Adaptation: <https://watercenter.colostate.edu/water-news/>. The recording of Whose Water Is It? Environmental Injustice and Water Privatization, is available on at <https://watercenter.colostate.edu/waterjustice/>
- d. **Mary** → Excited to share that the LSC plans to join Ram Food Recovery this fall. Ram Food Recovery is a catering program that makes food leftover from campus events available to students and staff experiencing food insecurity via a texting distribution list.
- e. **Stacey** → Housing Task Force is restarting, and first meeting was last week. Debbie Mayer is leading effort as a staff member in Vice President for Operations office. They

are currently getting the number of things organized to put together and create policy work, as well as what criteria around housing efforts will look like as CSU helps to provide attainable housing opportunities for full time employees.

- f. **Adam Vance** → Adam is the new ASCSU Environmental Affairs Director and is looking to create a community garden for students. The Horticulture department can be of help as they develop gardening space. Mary will share a contact with Adam.
- g. **Carol** → The solar project is coming soon to the Equine Center and parking garage on Pitkin. There is new state level legislation that has been passed to mandate energy efficiency in buildings. There will be new benchmarking, and CSU must report their energy performance and improve building efficiency.
- h. **Sheela** → Compost expansion is almost finished, with a timeline of mid-July for completion. Sheela will be working in July to meet with proctors on composting in buildings at the Foothills Campus and South Campus.