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Agenda
New Castle CEC July 16, 2026
July 16, 2026 at 5:00 PM

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Call to Order

Meeting Notice

Items for Consideration

- A. Introduction of New Commissioner Sarah Benson**
- B. Consider New Castle Community Market Participation and Bag Fee Money**
- C. Consider Participation in Burning Mountain Festival Parade**
- D. Consider New Castle Dump Day Cleanup with Bag Fee Money**
- E. Budget Update**
- F. Consider Business Award and Recognition**
- G. Minutes from June 18, 2026**

Commissioner Comments

Adjourn

H. Downtown Walk Work Session

2025 CEC Budget	
\$	1,000.00
2025 CEC Expenditures	
\$	(104.85) Micro Plastic - Name Plate
\$	(231.00) Koch, Julia - CEC Tshirts
\$	(74.97) Candreia, Myrna - CEC lunch
\$	(415.00) Kataplum - logo design
\$	(825.82)

2026 CEC Budget	
\$	1,000.00
2026 CEC Expenditures	
\$	-
\$	-

Bag Fees

Expenses 2024

10.07.2024	\$	(409.65) Re-usable Bowls & Cups - Chili Cook-Off (A
10.07.2024	\$	(103.96) Re-usable cups - Chili Cook-Off (Amazon)
10.30.2024	\$	(202.86) Re-usable Spoons - Chili Cook-Off (Amazo
10.30.2024	\$	(79.98) Re-usable koozies for hot chocolate - Chili
	\$	(796.45)

Expenses 2025

01.10.2025	\$	(302.34) Re-usable mugs and plates (Amazon)
01.20.2025	\$	(49.47) Re-usable folks (Amazon)
05.23.2025	\$	(1,320.00) EverGreen ZeroWaste 6-mo subscription
12.04.2025	\$	(1,600.00) Salon West - CEC grants
	\$	(3,271.81)

Total	\$	(4,068.26)
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- Giveaway

New Castle Climate & Environment Commission Minutes

June 18, 2026

Attendees: Commissioner Ryan Deyarmond, Commissioner Kendall Bakich, Chair Sharon Morris, and Commissioner Nancy Barnes

Chair Morris called the meeting to order at 4:47 p.m.

CIRSA Video

Commissioners viewed a Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency (CIRSA) training video describing the roles and responsibilities of board and commission members. Subjects covered included compliance with Colorado Open Meetings Law, appropriate use of executive sessions, transparency requirements, due process, collaborative decision-making, respecting the roles of fellow commissioners, and avoiding actions based on personal interests or conflicts of interest.

CEC Open Seat

Commissioner Deyarmond indicated his wife, Sarah, has interest in joining the Commission. The members discussed a potential conflict of interest and ultimately decided that Sarah is eligible to apply.

Consider Meeting Time Change

Chair Morris proposed changing the Commission's regular meeting time to 5:00 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Deyarmond moved to change the CEC meeting time to 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Bakich seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Chair and Vice-Chair Appointments

Chair Morris asked for nominations for Commission officers. Commission members discussed their interest in officer positions.

Motion: Commissioner Barnes nominated Sharon Morris as Chair, Ryan Deyarmond as Vice-Chair, and Nancy Barnes as Secretary. Commissioner Deyarmond seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Earth Day 2027 Date

Chair Morris presented a report on Earth Day 2026 and reported that the Community Center, adjacent park, and parking have been reserved for Earth Day 2027 on Saturday, April 24th. She also noted that the Lion's Club agreed to provide a food truck for next year's event.

- Commissioners discussed feedback from the 2026 event and identified several opportunities for improvement:
- Providing food and live music.

- Incorporating both indoor and outdoor activities.
- Creating a participant "passport" to encourage attendees to move between indoor and outdoor vendors.
- Expanding promotion of local businesses participating in the event.
- Simplifying promotional flyers by reducing text.
- Increasing overall event marketing efforts.
- Incorporating the Roots & Shoots Plastic-Free Pledge into Earth Day outreach and advocacy.

Motion: Commissioner Barnes moved to hold Earth Day 2027 on April 24th at the Community Center facility including the park and parking lot. Commissioner Deyarmond seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Programs, Events, and Outreach

Commissioners discussed whether to participate in the Community Markets by hosting an outreach booth. Commissioners agreed to participate in the two markets that include alcohol on July 30 and August 27. Rather than staff an outreach booth, the Commission is interested in recycling cans and cups used in the beer garden. The Commission also discussed supporting the events by providing compostable cups and recycling containers to encourage the composting and recycling of beverage containers used for alcoholic beverages.

Commissioners also agreed to continue promoting the Guardians of Nature campaign at Community Markets in conjunction with the Roots & Shoots Plastic-Free Pledge. Residents who sign the pledge will receive a Guardians of Nature badge.

Motion: Commissioner Deyarmond moved for the Commission to participate in the Community Markets on July 30 and August 27 and to provide funding for compostable cups and recycling containers. Chair Morris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Burning Mountain Festival Parade

The Commission discussed participating in the Burning Mountain Parade in partnership with Lady Luck Gardenworks on September 12. Commissioners discussed distributing candy wrapped in recyclable paper as part of the Commission's.

Motion: Commissioner Barnes moved for the Commission to participate in the Burning Mountain Festival Parade on September 12. Commissioner Bakich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Plastic Bag Initiatives – Business Grants and Fall Clean-Up

Chair Morris reported that no new applications had been received for the Commission's Plastic Bag Reduction Business Grant Program. She suggested redirecting resources to support the Town's annual Fall Clean-Up event.

Motion: Commissioner Deyarmond moved to authorize expenditures of up to \$3,000 for plastic reduction supplies, including compostable cups and related materials for Community Markets and other Commission-sponsored events. Commissioner Bakich seconded the motion Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Barnes moved to discontinue the Plastic Bag Reduction business grant program effective immediately. Commissioner Deyarmond seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: Chair Morris will research compostable cups and recycling containers and discuss the Commission's interest with Kelley Cox at the Community Center.

Approval of April 16, 2026, Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Bakich moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Deyarmond seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Comments

Chair Morris stated that former Town Council member Bruce Leland is providing her with suggestions for future Commission initiatives. Commissioners discussed researching environmental programs implemented by neighboring towns and bringing potential recommendations to Town Council. Commissioners were encouraged to share innovative ideas at future meetings.

Commissioner Barnes reported on attending a screening of *The Pollinators*. Commissioner Bakich suggested creating a "Pollinator of the Month" feature for the Town's website to raise awareness about native pollinators. Commissioner Deyarmond reported that a mural artist he previously recommended has relocated to the area and suggested the Commission meet with him regarding a potential pollinator-themed mural.

Future Agenda Item

Commissioners will take a walking tour in downtown New Castle to identify potential locations for a pollinator themed mural.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Nancy Barnes

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