



**MARTIN ACRES NEIGHBORHOOD
VIRTUAL CLIMATE ACTION FORUM**

Saturday, April 3, 2021 Noon-5:00 PM

Hosted by Martin Acres Neighborhood Association (MANA)

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| 12:00 PM | Welcome |
| | Getting Acquainted with Each Other &
Current Climate Science / Successes |
| 1:00 | Envisioning A Better Climate Future |
| | <i>What do you see in place in 5 years as a result of your
climate action work in Martin Acres?</i> |
| 1:30 | BREAK |
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| | • Self-selected action area |
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| 3:05 | Action Planning for the Coming Year |
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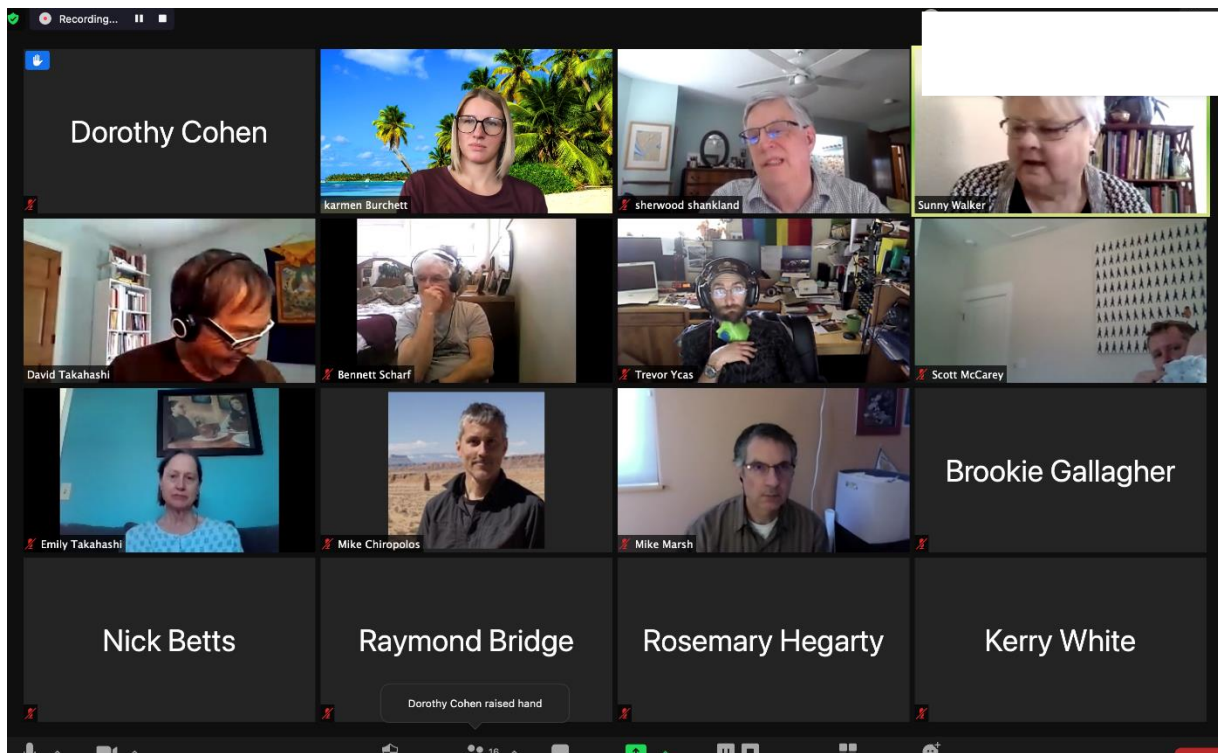
Welcome - Getting Acquainted with Each Other

After a brief welcome, participants introduced themselves by typing out “one thing you are doing now – for planet earth. See the following chart.

**ONE THING YOU ARE DOING NOW
For Planet Earth**

To stop climate change, I’m already ...	Names
(example) rebuilding my garden soil without tilling it	Sunny Walker
Interfaith Stewardship of Creation	David Takahashi
Reusable water bottle and coffee mug, recycle, implement green roofing practices at my job, donate to other climate organizations.	Karmen Burchett
Reuse instead of throw away (pretty small act :))	Brookie
Developing earth care as part of my faith community	Emily Takahashi
Reusable grocery bags; repurpose waste stream from work; about to switch to eBike instead of truck commute; recycle; compost	Trevor Ycas
I live in a net zero home that I designed & built, w/ solar electric, solar hot water, passive solar space heating	Mike Marsh
EV and solar panels eventually! Electric Lawn Mower	Bennett Scharf
I ride my bike!	Scott McCarey
Non-motorized “push” lawn mower	Sherwood
I’ve put in a high-efficiency furnace, added insulation, and subscribed to a solar garden project (my shade trees make rooftop solar infeasible).	Ray Bridge
I reuse water bottles, compost, electric lawn mower, recycle, take things to shelter or Goodwill	Dorothy Cohen

Minimize plastic use, solar, home garden, ride bike and bus for errands, raising a boy with an appreciation for the outdoor environment, participating in carbon farming program, a neighborhood eco cycle leader, etc.	Kerry White
Ride bike, recreate close to home, flood mitigation downstream	Mike Chiropolos
Sustainability and Welfare T lead with beef cattle to reduce fuel use, worker safety and better outcomes	Nick Betts



Such a serious and wonderful Martin Acres group! The top 3 pictures are of facilitators from Denver ANCA.

Current Climate Science / Successes

This was followed a series of 5-minute mini-videos created by other climate activists to share what they were already doing and emphasize the importance of this work. The five shared were:

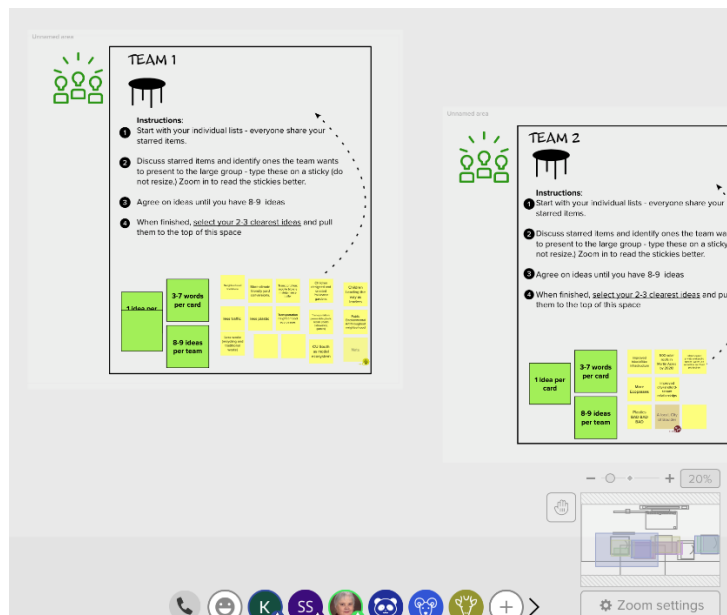
- Joan Gregerson: The importance of acting NOW
- Rosemary Hegarty: Bee-friendly Gardening
- Wendy Rochman: Do Your Part – Climate Action and Art
- State Representative Judy Amabile: How Public Helps Legislation
- Imtiaz Rangwala: Climate Regeneration Urgency



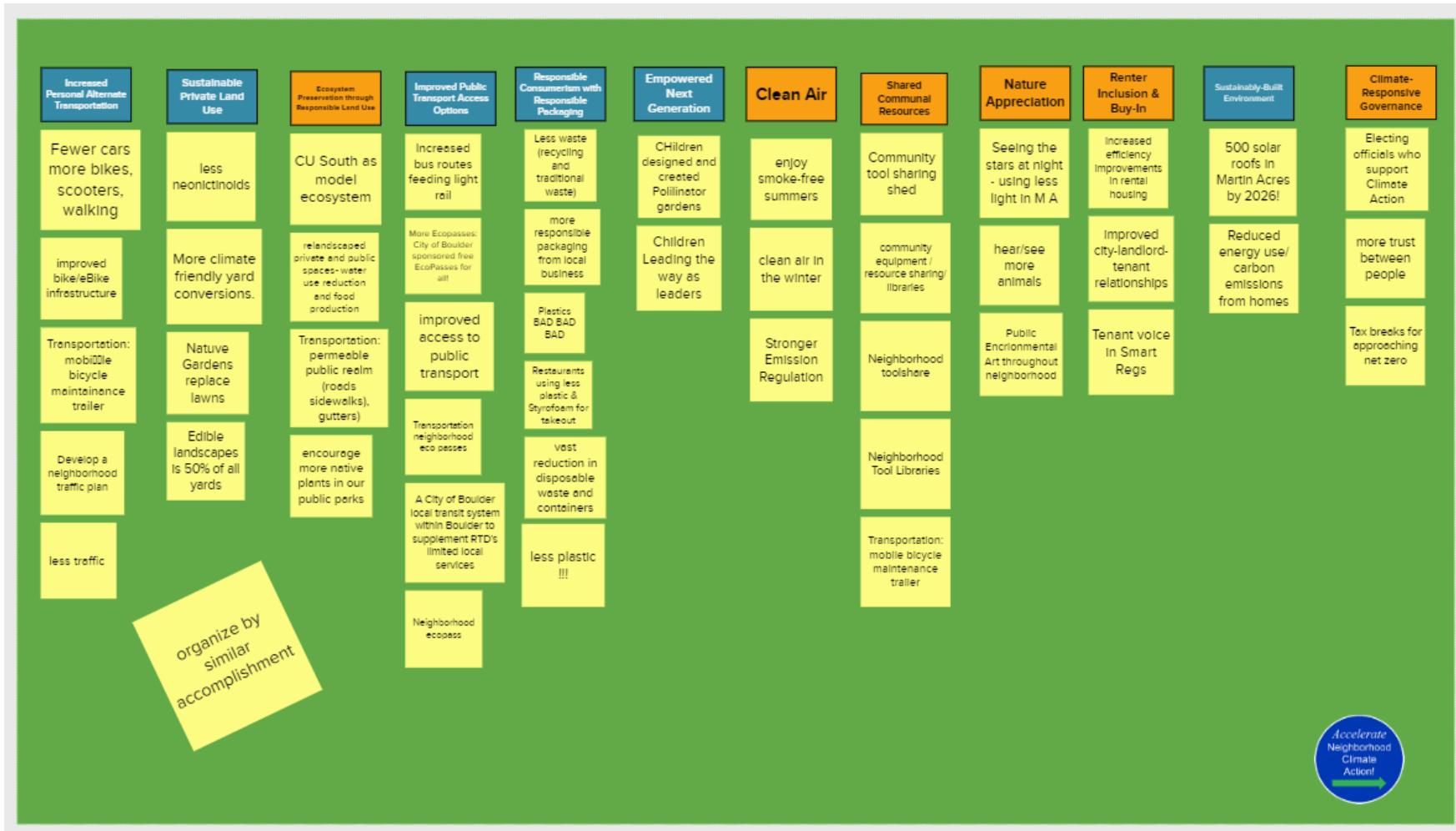
Envisioning A Better Climate Future

The work the group took on next was creating a Vision for Martin Acres with a reduced carbon footprint. This involved creating personal lists in answer to the question below and then sharing with each other working in small teams. We used a platform called Mural as a working space keeping Zoom as our audio for these team breakouts.

What do you see in place in 5 years as a result of your climate action work in Martin Acres?



Following is the chart created by clustering ideas that pointed to a similar accomplishment and then name the columns of ideas by the vision accomplishment overall. The title cards represent a consensus while the individual yellow “stickies” are team-generated ideas. A typed chart is on the following page for ease of reading.



The prioritized Action Plans to launch first are on the blue “stickies.” However, given the number of participants, it was decided to create only four plans during the Forum. These are noted below in green columns and action plans are attached. Other Vision areas can be addressed later. Note that one more action plans was written (also included here): CU South LTE (Letter to Editor) Research Repository.

Martin Acres Climate Action Forum Vision <i>What do you see in place in 5 years as a result of your Martin Acres climate action work?</i>											
Action Plans Prioritized During the Forum						Areas for Action Plans to Be Created Later – When a Team is Ready					
Increased Personal Alternative Transportation	Improved Public Transportation Access Options	Empowered Next Generation	Sustainable Private Land Use	Sustainably Built Environment	Responsible Consumerism with Responsible Packaging	Eco-system Preservation Through Responsible Land Use	Clean Air	Shared Communal Resources	Appreciation of Nature	Renter Inclusion & Buy-in	Climate Responsible Governance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fewer cars, more bikes, scooters, walking • Improved bike/eBike infrastructure • Transp’n mobile bicycle maintenance trailer • Develop a neighborhood traffic plan • Less traffic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased bus routes feeding light rail • More ecopasses City of Boulder sponsored ecopasses for all • Improved access to public transport • Transp’tn. Neighborhood eco passes • A City of Boulder local transit system to supplement RTD’s limited local services • Neighborhood ecopass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children designed & created pollinator gardens • Children leading the way as leaders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less neonicotinoids • More climate-friendly yard conversions • Nature gardens replace lawns • Edible landscapes are 50% of all yards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 500 solar roofs in Martin Acres by 2026! • Reduced energy use / carbon emissions from homes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less waste (recycling & traditional waste) • More responsible packaging from local businesses • Plastics BAD BAD BAD • Restaurants using less plastics & styrofoam for takeout • Vast reduction in disposable waste & containers • Less plastic!!! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CU South as model eco-system • Relandscaped private & public spaces-water use reduction & food production • Transport’n permeable public realm (roads, sidewalks, gutters) • Encourage more native plants in our public parks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoy smoke-free summers • Clean air in the winter • Stronger emission regulation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community tool sharing shed • Community equipment/resource sharing libraries • Neighborhood tool share • Neighborhood tool libraries • Transp’n mobile bicycle maintenance trailer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeing the stars at night, using less light in MA • Hear/see more animals • Public environmental art thru out neighborhood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased efficiency improvements in rental housing • Improved city-landlord-tenant relationships • Tenant voice in Smart Regs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electing officials who support climate action • More trust between people • Tax breaks for approaching net zeto

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2 Step 2 - Watch, participate, & see the consensus emerge!

Accelerate Neighborhood Climate Action (ANCA) Initiative

What do you see in place in the next 5 years as a result of your actions in Martin Acres neighborhood?

1 Step 1 - Go to your assigned team!

TEAM 1

Instructions:

- Start with your individual lists - everyone share your 1 selected item.
- Discuss selected items and identify ones the team wants to present to the larger group - You choose one sticky note and place it on the table to show the others later.
- Agree on items until you have 5-10 items.
- When finished, select your 2-3 chosen items and pull them to the top of this space.

1 sticky note per team
2-3 items per team
5-10 items per team

TEAM 2

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TEAM 3

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TEAM 4

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TEAM 5

Instructions:

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Martin Acres - Climate Action Planning Form

Title

Output (What will be delivered) Getting people out of their cars and biking or using Public transportation to shop or go to work	Outcome (Intended impact of this plan) ECOPASS for everyone.		
Supporting Factors □ 1) Some desire to facilitate response to climate change. 2) Martin Acres is well served by RTD.	□ Resisting Factors 1) RTD hates NECOPASS program. 2) getting people more than 500 ft from their cars is a challenge.		
Implementing Steps	Who	Start Date	Finish Date
1. Have meetings with Neighborhood Ecopass leaders about soliciting NECOPass interest.	Bennett	May 01, 2021	Dec 31, 2021
2. Trying to get information from RTD, Scott McCarey, & Jen Farmer about process for getting new blocks to join.	Bennett	May 01, 2021	Aug 1, 2021
Resource Requirements: Next Meeting: June 1, 2021	Coordinator: Bennett Scharf Team Members: Scott McCarey How communicate: Email Zoom		



Martin Acres - Climate Action Planning

Title: Martin Acres CU South LTE Research Repository

Output (What will be delivered) A repository that can be used to jumpstart writing a Letter to the Editor concerning the compromise of ecological system, flood mitigation, and disaster resilience due to development on the CU South property	Outcome (Intended impact of this plan) People wishing to make their displeasure with development on the CU South site adjacent to Martin Acres, will have a factual basis to support their opinion using the evidence base of prepared research		
Supporting Factors → The neighborhood will wish to act the nearer the deadline comes. And will be at a loss for facts in the matter. A democracy must be participative to be vibrant.	⌚ Resisting Factors We will use an iterative process to build as we go...we will not let the perfect be the enemy of the good.		
Implementing Steps	Who	Start Date	Finish Date
1. Collect previous LTEs on CUSouth use these categorize the arguments for and against 2. From this, define the subject areas to research 3. Write an LTE that requires research on each of the selected subject areas 4. Find volunteer readers 5. Use peer review to vet arguments and sources. 6. Use the research to form a research resources document to compiles the research into useable bytes. 7. Make the document available to everyone but the opposition 8. Solicit LTE from the community 9. Repeat given new developments (go to #1)	team Mike team team readers team David David Team	April 2021 April 2021 May 2021 May 2021 May 2021 June 2021 June 2021 June 2021 Sept 2021	
Resource Requirements: time Next Meeting: April 10	Coordinator: Mike Chiropolos Team Members: David Takahashi How communicate: email, phone, text,		



Martin Acres - Climate Action Planning

Title: Youth Led Pollinator Garden project

Output (What will be delivered) Pollinator gardens with Stepping Stone gardens allow connections between main gardens...	Outcome (Intended impact of this plan) A series of Pollinator habitats linked by stepping stone habitats (every 3 or four blocks a smaller food source to connect). Honoring the past, leverage the enthusiasm of youth to create a Finer Future.		
Supporting Factors → Pollinators are challenged.	← Resisting Factors A lifelong appreciation for the life of the bees. Our dependence on them. The empowerment of doing something about it.		
Implementing Steps	Who	Start Date	Finish Date
1. Meet with all potential members of the team to discuss scale and scope of the project (team is fluid but the core is established) 2. Inventory Bee keepers 3. Develop a history of Martin Acres neighborhood back to when it was Indian held. Include the Martin Farm years 4. Boulder was an Apple producer until the Red Delicious and Washington State took the market. Develop, with the Boulder Apple Tree Project, a history of Apple Orchards here. 5. Along with the Fruit trees, Boulder was a honey producer due to its need for bee pollinators. This also changed when the market for Red Delicious took the market. 6. Arrange with CU to educate the youth on Pollinators and Stepping Stone Habitats. 7. Arrange with Mikl Brawner, a local native plant nurseryman to educate about plants. 8. Find locations for main Pollinator Habitats and stepping stone habitats that insure bee health. 9. Hannah Nordhaus will bring in Creekside Elementary as a history/science education exposure.	All	Early April	
	David	Early April	
	Rosemary Sarah Massey Warren / Hannah	Mid april	
	Rosemary Hegarty and BCBA	Early to mid april	
	David / Dylan O’Neill David	Mid April	
		Late April	
	David	Early April	
	Hannah Nordhaus	Early April	
	Rosemary and Gregg	Late April	
		Early May	

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10. Rosemary Hegarty, the Greg White will act as design consultants. 11. Wendy Rochman will add artistic flair to the design. 12. The design process will be a Design Charrette. 13. From the design develop a plant list. 14. From the plant list arrange delivery 15. We will celebrate with an afternoon ice cream social the day of the planting.	Wendy Rochman All Early May Group TBD Design + 1m Design + 2m Day of Event	Group decision	
Resource Requirements: Will need to work with the City of Boulder, County of Boulder, and CU Environmental Center. Next Meeting: Team constitution, Beginning of April	Coordinator: David Takahashi Team Members: Hannah Nordhaus, Rosemary Hegarty, Greg White, Sarah Massey Warren, Wendy Rochman How communicate: Email		

[Explanatory comments for those who don't know the neighborhood]

I spent part of this afternoon filming an inspirational segment on water-wise, poison-free, native honoring, naturally produced pollinator gardens over at Harlequin Gardens [the local cool nursery]. I was also introduced to an insectary, which can be thought of as a natural predator incubator through nature-based attractors.

I am thinking the pocket park at the end of elm or the HeadStart property next to Creekside [local parks or abandoned properties] would be candidate locations for a next-gen designed, executed, and enjoyed biophilic project for our community youth. What a story they will make. What a treasure to take into the rest of their lives?

I am sure I can get Mikl Brawner, the owner of Harlequin's to share with our youngsters some of the principles he has been developing over the 30 years he has run Harlequin Gardens in water- wise, native-based, poison-free, natural control gardening practices. We have Rosemary Hegarty [neighborhood beekeeper who answered & did a short video] who already has a bee- friendly front yard, not to mention hives in the back. We have Greg and Kerry [local neighbors who both are landscape architects] who possess the garden savvy to gently guide us. We have Hannah [Hannah Nordhaus wrote a book on beekeepers] who wrote about beekeepers and probably could share the import of pollination to our young charges. I could try to get Sarah Warren Massey [neighbor retired CU English professor] to write up a history of the project that can be shared across neighborhoods and cities for that matter. We have Wendy Rochman who gets the whimsical possibility of mixing light, shapes, colors, textures, fragrances, and attractors [the artist] . We also have the work teams at the CU Environmental Center who have been doing Pollinator Gardens around

the campus [have a short YouTube]. I am pretty sure I can find someone from the CU Masters of Environment program to help us [have a MENV graduate doing a video].

I think we could get Creekside [the local elementary school] interested in an applied science project. As Scott McCarey [a county transportation planner living in hood] has reminded me, his kids are more interested when other kids are involved. Let's make this a community youth event! I could get us written up in Boulder Weekly or Daily Camera.

I have not heard back from you concerning this Saturday, but if this is interesting to you I will have the idea put forward as a community climate action given some of the information I have just blue-skied. If one of you could attend and represent the next generation in this that would be great. If none of you can attend, but you are interested in the potential, I could see if Rosemary might act on behalf of the young.

I see a time when children bring their friends, family, and visitors to these re-wildings and say, 'we did this!'. I see a time when more lawns turn into pollinators and insectary gardens and we hear the thrum thrum of bees more often.

I hope this lands...but first we have to be cleared for take-off. [this is just the kind of project that the city would be proud to have sponsored and which City Council will gladly take credit for?]



Martin Acres - Climate Action Planning

(Completion pending/in progress)

Title: Responsible Consumerism with Responsible Packaging

Output: Neighborhood campaign with local restaurants for responsible container use	Outcome (Intended impact of this plan) 100% compostable containers for take-out - regulation enforced use next door for campaign for public feedback to restaurants not complying		
Supporting Factors → widespread support to reduce plastic/ Styrofoam in community	← Resisting Factors Is there a cost difference for restaurants to use compostable containers		
Implementing Steps	Who	Start Date	Finish Date
1. Bring your own containers for leftovers 2. Research if there is regulation on container use in Boulder (if there is a regulation - push for enforcement) 3. Social Media campaign to give feedback on restaurants/shops/products using compostable containers 4. Encourage people to give feedback to restaurants if they want them to have them use compostable containers 5. Research if there is a cost difference for compostable vs non-compostable to inform restaurants (education campaign to rest. owners) 6. Use Nextdoor to recruit more members (start here) 7. Talk to restaurants already using c:	Rosemary		
Resource Requirements: Next Meeting:	Coordinator: Emily T Team Members: Rosemary H How communicate: exchange emails		

Sustainably Built Environment Action Plan from Mike Marsh.

To achieve a larger deployment of carbon-saving solar and energy efficiency technologies, the Martin Acres neighborhood will use a variety of means to promote the concepts within its neighborhood. These means may include but are not limited to: discussions on our neighborhood email list, a neighborhood Solar Home tour when and if allowed relative to the pandemic, and other measures.



Martin Acres - Climate Action Planning

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Title:

Output (What will be delivered)		Outcome (Intended impact of this plan)	
Supporting Factors →		← Resisting Factors	
Implementing Steps		Who	Start Date
1.			
Resource Requirements:		Coordinator:	
Next Meeting:		Team Members:	
		How communicate:	

When the plans were completed, each team shared their results. Following are some immediate next steps.

Martin Acres Immediate Next Steps:

Next Step	Why	Who	When
1. Send team the document	So all have access to the work to share	Sunny	By Friday, 4/9
2. Send final doc to Elizabeth Vasatka at the City	To post on Boulder website	Sunny	By Friday, 4/9
3. Plan a time to show Eric's presentation	Honor his work & information	Bennet/Mike	After our meeting
4. Share document with other neighbors	Encourage new people to join you	Bennett	MANA meeting Monday night or May 1st meeting
5. Finish action plans	To complete document for sharing	Team Members	Before the 9th

The Martin Acres Climate Action Forum concluded with a brief reflection on the day. Everyone was invited to stay a bit longer and view Eric Stonebreaker's YouTube presentation on [Before You Go Solar](#).

Key links and comments in the chat from the Forum is below:

From Sunny Walker to Everyone: Link to share what you are already doing - https://docs.google.com/documnt/d/1F0UkR2WeX5Z38k_V3HySHuEzVI2JJ55nJzW17W-gXj4/edit?usp=sharing

From Sunny Walker to Everyone: Link to the Mural Board for creating the Vision - <https://app.mural.co/t/vfcteam0473/m/vfcteam0473/1615943098272/4d67987d0136157e6cbafc61bf669247a150bb83>

From Scott McCarey to Everyone: Important to keep in mind the number of renters that we have in the neighborhood. Thanks for the point and for being here, Trevor.

From David Takahashi to Everyone: Your shared Resources are links to online subject matter, with times in parenthesis...

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_dS2rXizyZ0NgcR2n06zgQRTabMocFiKQqugxVKiX60/edit?usp=sharing

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*Those with one star were unable to stay for the entire event.

**These people were unable to attend, though they registered.

About ANCA:

Accelerate Neighborhood Climate Action was formed initially by a group of Denver colleagues who saw a need to involve Denver residents in the City’s sustainability efforts. The word “Neighborhood” was added to the name as it had become the vehicle through which to engage people.

ANCA was incorporated as a 501(c)3 charitable organization in March of 2019. To date (4-3-2021) 12 Climate Action Forums, 11 in Denver covering 13 neighborhoods and 1 in Boulder, have been completed with nearly 50 neighborhood level Action Plans created. Interchange events between these neighborhoods are held twice a year. In December of 2019, ANCA was invited to present their work at Denver’s Sustainability Summit.

The City of Boulder launched their own ANCA program with a city-wide Climate Action Forum demonstration on November 14, 2020 and is continuing with 5 specific neighborhood “pilots” in 2021.

- Phase One: Martin Acres, Sundance, and Goss Grove
- Phase Two: HyView and Melody Catalpa

Website: <http://accelerateclimateaction.org>

Boulder website: [Accelerating Neighborhood Climate Action \(ANCA\) \(bouldercolorado.gov\)](#)

Facebook: [Accelerate Neighborhood Climate Action Denver](#)