



**Sustainability Board  
February 25th, 2024 – 6:00 PM**

Please join in-person or from computer, tablet, smart phone.  
<https://meet.goto.com/405842165>

You can also dial in using your phone: +1 (872) 240-3311 Access Code/Meeting ID: 405-842-165

**Meeting location:** Edgewater Civic Center, 1800 Harlan St.  
Noll Conference Room

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<b>1. Meeting Called to Order</b>			
<b>2. Roll Call</b>			
Board Members:	Present	Absent	
			Xerxes Steirer (Chair)
			Bruce Perry ( Energy Lead)
			Jeanette Papp (Waste & Materials Lead)
			Andy Vieth (Land & Water Lead)
			Jaclyn Poliseo (Social Vibrancy Lead)
			Brian Bartle (Alternate)
City Council Liaison:			Lilly Steirer
City Staff Liaison:			Shaima Shahbaz
<b>3. Approval of Agenda</b>			
<b>4. Land Acknowledgement</b>			
<b>5. Sustainability Plan Strategic Update</b>			
a. Assessment Phase Takeaways Report-Out (Andy Rutz)			
b. Important Upcoming Dates:			
i. Update to Council on March 4th by Andy Rutz			
ii. Public Workshop on Thursday, March 13th			
iii. Board Work Session with Andy Rutz - April 22nd (Board Meeting)			
<b>6. Staff Comments and Updates</b>			
a. Secretary vacancy on the Board			
a. City staff is looking into AI options (that integrate with GoTo Meeting)			
b. Until a decision is made, the City Staff Liaison will take the minutes			
c. If we proceed with use of AI, we should Incorporate approval of former meeting minutes in to the board meeting protocol			
b. Legal training for board members			
a. City staff from Sustainability, Parks & Rec, and the Clerk’s Office are meeting this week to set regular training dates for board and commissions members’ trainings. Training will be offered twice a month.			

- b. Sharing a recording with members to do the training independently is not an option
- c. Resource Central's Transformative Landscape Change Challenge
  - a. COE won a grant to convert turf at Citizen's Park to a xeriscaped garden
  - b. Volunteers will need to be recruited to do the planting in May/June
  - c. Sustainability is currently working with Parks & Rec to implement drip irrigation
- d. Arbor Day celebration at Ring in the Spring
  - a. Will likely be scheduled toward the end of the pancake breakfast around noon
  - b. The City arborist, Rich Wilson, will be present
  - c. Three new trees will be planted. What is the Board's preference regarding whether the trees be pre-planted or holes pre-dug and then the trees planted at the event?
  - d. The Sustainability Board is expected/invited to be present and speak
  - e. Is there an activity the Board would like to organize and help run?
- e. Confirmed 2025 City events for Sustainability to table:
  - a. Larger events that we will invite Partners In Energy to attend to promote the Home Energy Squad program
    - i. Saturday, May 10: *Ring in Spring Pancake Breakfast 10am-12pm*
    - ii. Saturday, September 27: *Edgewater Hometown Fest!*
  - b. Smaller event that is being considered that would be run by the Sustainability Coordinator and/or Board
    - i. Wednesday, June 25: *Bike to Work Day Burrito Station*
- f. Sustainability Seminars 2025
  - a. Popular Topics for Q3/Q4 Sessions
    - i. Organic Gardening, DUG
    - ii. Rain Barrel Workshop, Groundwork Denver
    - iii. Home Energy, Attainable Home
    - iv. Local Water Issues, Sloan's Lake Foundation
    - v. Food Garden/Food Security
  - b. Shaima will begin scheduling the above sessions

**7. Upcoming Meetings & Events**

- a. Sustainability Board March 25th meeting will not be held in the Noll Conference room. Instead it will be held in Putnam.
  - i. Most of the Civic Center facility will be closed for maintenance the week of March 24th
- b. Spring Alley/Curbside Cleanup - March 22nd from 7:00am-9:00am
- c. Spring Roll-off/Drop Off - March 29th from 9:00am-1:00pm at Jefferson Middle/High School North Parking Lot

**8. City Council Updates**

**9. Category Updates**

- a. Clean Energy
- b. Social Vibrancy
- c. Land & Water
- d. Waste & Materials

**10. CC4CA Update**

**11. Agenda Setting –March 25th, 2025**

- a.

12. Public Comment
13. Final Board Comments
14. Adjournment

**Sustainability Board Meeting Dates & Times for the next 6 months**

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:00-8:00

- March 25<sup>th</sup>
- April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- May 27<sup>th</sup>
- June 24<sup>th</sup>
- July 22<sup>nd</sup>
- August 26<sup>th</sup>

**Sustainability Oriented City Events and Potential Seminar Topics**

- Emerald Ash Borer Info Session (February 8<sup>th</sup>)
- *RfG: Tree Care Basics (March)*
- Sustainability Plan Update - Public workshop (March 13<sup>th</sup>)
- *RfG: Xerces Society on Native Plants (April)*
- Arbor Day - Celebrate in person at Ring in the Spring... (May 10<sup>th</sup>)
- *RfG: Vermicomposting (May)*
- Volunteer Appreciation Event (May 15<sup>th</sup>)
- *RfG: Perennial plant swaps (June)*
- Q3/Q4 Potential Topics: Rain Barrel Workshop (Groundwork Denver), plant pruning (CSU Extension), Home Energy (Attainable Home), Sloan’s Lake water issues, food gardens/food security

**Sustainability Plan Strategic Update - Timeline**

Activity/Event	Preferred
Shaima to Update on Process; Melissa to present	Jan. 28th (Board Meeting)
Community Survey Closes	February 2nd
Plan Assessment Phase Takeaways Report-Out	Feb. 25th (Board Meeting)
Council Update	March 4th
Community Priorities Public Workshop	March 13th
Board Work Session (report/get feedback on public input from workshop)	April 22nd (Board Meeting)
[Add'l] Board Work Session (preliminary draft recommendations)	Week of May 12th
Staff Review	Week of May 26th
Board Work Session (feedback on final Plan Draft)	June 24th (Board Meeting)
Council Presentation / Adoption	July 15th