



EDGEWATER SUSTAINABILITY BOARD

**BUSINESS MEETING
HELD AT 1800 HARLAN STREET
EDGEWATER, CO 80214 AND
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March 25, 2025

6:00 PM

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3 or more other City Board or Commission members may attend this meeting

ITEM 1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

ITEM 2. Roll Call

ITEM 3. Approval of Agenda

ITEM 4. Land Acknowledgement

ITEM 5. Consent Agenda

- 1) Minutes of February 25, 2025 [Approved](#)

ITEM 6. General Business

- 1) Sustainability Plan Strategic Update
 - a) [Thank you for attending the Public Workshop - very successful](#)
 - b) [Next Phase - Strategic Priorities Identification](#)
 - i) [Andy Rutz is compiling the Public Workshop feedback to share back out with the Sustainability board at our next board meeting on April 22nd](#)
 - c) [We need to set a workshop date the week of May 12th](#)
 - i) [Are there any evenings that absolutely do not work for board members?](#)
 1. [Mon. not good for one member, Tues. not ideal, 2 no's for Wed.](#)
 2. [Monday and Thursday are best for Andy Rutz](#)
 3. [Shaima will aim for Thursday and email board to confirm](#)
 - d) [April 22nd](#)
 - i) [Report out of what was communicated at the Public Workshop](#)
 - ii) [Discuss the framework - likely recommendations](#)

2) Legal Training for Board Members

- a) Session scheduled for Thursday, April 3rd at 6pm at the Civic Center
 - Jeanette joining
 - Bruce, Jaclyn, Andy joining
 - Brian cannot make it
- b) The next session will be held on October 9th

3) Partners in Energy "Graduate Support"

- a) They will be providing promotional materials for the Home Energy Squad program and will table at Ring In the Spring and Hometown Festival
- b) Let Bruce know about meetings with them so he can possibly join
- c) Email Bruce the EV Plan and Charging Smart checklist

4) Arbor Day Celebration at Ring in the Spring

- a) May 10th from 10am-12pm
- b) The tree planting is scheduled to happen at 11:30am
- c) A hole will be pre-dug and Sustainability board members will say a few words and lead the planting of the tree
 - i) Andy will speak (let him know what the species are)
 - ii) Mention Arbor Day in The Cryer
- d) The City arborist, Rich Wilson, will be present tabling
- e) Overall, three new trees will be planted, but the board will only oversee the planting of one tree
- f) What activity would the Board would like to administer during the event (which starts at 10am)?
 - i) Suggestions:
 - 1) Laptop and booklet of guidance - coordinate with Rich
 - 2) Seedling plantings - donated from Gotham Greens, Echters donated containers
 - (a) DUG also gives away seeds > to distribute (Lilly may be able to pick up)
 - (b) Shaima will order and pick them up

5) Urban Forest Master Plan

A. Staff update on current activity

- a. We gave comments to City Council through Lilly/board/staff, staff then gave recommendations for Code amendments, attorneys going through revisions
 - i. In the process of adoption right now
- b. Council did the Code review
 - i. Chapter 2 is about contractor licensing > about to require licensing for tree service
 - 1. It has always been required but now an official regulation
 - ii. The other action items are a work in progress (Shaima reviewed with Lilly)
 - iii. Last year Council went through every chapter

1. Attorneys are addressing recommendations, two chapters at a time
 - c. Once Council is done with the Code approval, we should crosscheck with the Ordinance Review table for purpose of defining next steps
 - i. Chapter 11 had the most changes
 - ii. There was no pushback from Council on the recommendations
- B. Review of Appendix C
- a. What is the purpose of this review? In regards to what given the actions already taken?
 - b. Maintenance and planting on private land
 - i. How can we popularize our canopy growth plans? (carrot vs. stick - requires funding)
 - ii. The Board's energy is most effectively focused in outreach and education efforts. Ideas:
 1. Featured tree of the month
 2. Photography contest
 3. Discounted tree sale provided by the City
 - a. Emphasis on how to care for a tree in the first two years
 - b. Tree bags so that folks can properly care for them
 4. Get ideas from Rich
 - c. Invite Rich back to give us an update (consider May)

6) Sustainability Updates to City Council

- A. Lilly serving as the Council liaison
- a. HARP not currently doing updates
 - b. If an outstanding issue needs to be discussed, we can always get on the agenda
 - c. Schedule out member(s) to provide an update in the Fall
 - i. After completion of the strategic update and the board retreat
- B. Annual update
- a. Should be about 10 minutes
 - b. More community oriented
- C. Board Member should attend a Council meeting once a month
- a. Be present, remain top of mind as a Board, our goals are significant (especially when there is a big ask), brings familiarity between Council and the Board
 - i. Update on events
 - b. Stay in front of Council, announce upcoming events, share milestones, ok that it's a repetition
 - i. Would it be an agenda item or a public comment
 1. It would be during board or commission updates - less than a minute
 2. Answer questions and follow up on their questions
 3. Can be in person or online
 - c. Schedule for the year
 - i. April 1st they're doing an Arbor Day proclamation
 - ii. April 15th - Bruce (will discuss with Xerxes what to mention)
 - iii. May 6th - Brian
 - iv. June - TBD

7) Schedule/confirm a Sustainability Plan Strategic Update work session with the Sustainability Board the week of May 12th

A) This session is for the purpose of providing preliminary draft recommendations

B) Will be confirmed via email

8) Change of the Sustainability Board to an advisory board

A) April 6th - Sustainability officially changes to Advisory Board (changed March 18th)

a) Technically removes some of their responsibilities

i) Tree Commission still exists

ii) Slight change in the language around their role from being a managing board to an advisory board *with a staff liaison*

iii) See page 22, 2/3 of the way down of the Council Packet from Mar. 18

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ITEM 7. Category Lead Comments

1) Clean Energy

DRCOG is doing a Sheridan Blvd safety study from S. Lakewood into Arvada. They did a bike ride up Sheridan - crossed intersections and noted dangers. Always a giant fleet of scooters at Sheridan and 20th.

2) Social Vibrancy

Happy to see new people at the Public Workshop. Looking forward to more events like that and getting things updated - excited to see how we responded. Not much of a response to seminars, there was a desire for more hands-on opportunities.

3) Land & Water

No real updates - reschedule the appointment between Shaima and Andy about the garden design and revisit the land acknowledgement

4) Waste & Materials

Congrats to COE residents - 251 recycling/85 tons of organics

Recycling 101 field trip - Shaima will let the Board know if there are any spare spots available for them to participate

Hard to Recycle and Drop Off items listed on the website

If you have batteries to dispose of, you can take them to Jeanette

Sloan's Lake Park Foundation update

- Multiple funding potentials have been identified
- Anchor Engineering design working on preliminary plans
- Have retained a lobbying group on a 90-day trial basis to work on financing
- Will have an Earth Day in April
- JP staying apprised of development

ITEM 8. Public Comment

ITEM 9. Discussion of Upcoming Agendas; Staff and City Council Liaison Comments

1) CC4CA update

No updates

2) Spring Roll-off/Drop Off, followed by “Sticks to Chips”

- March 29th from 9:00am-1:00pm at Jefferson Middle/High School N. Parking Lot, followed by “Sticks to Chips” mulch pick up from 1:00-4:00pm
 - The Steirers and Andy Vieth will be there

3) Volunteer Night - May 15th

- All City volunteers invited (Boards/Commissions, P&R, Special Events)
- Board should have received an invite via email

ITEM 10. BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT