



**EDGEWATER SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
BUSINESS MEETING**

**HELD AT 1800 HARLAN STREET
EDGEWATER, CO 80214 AND
VIRTUALLY THROUGH
THE GOTO MEETING APP
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July 22nd, 2025
6:00PM**

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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 - Bruce Perry joined virtually, Brian not present, all other present

ITEM 3. Approval of Agenda

ITEM 4. Land Acknowledgement

ITEM 5. Consent Agenda

1) Minutes of June 24, 2025

ITEM 6. General Business

1) Sustainability Plan Strategic Update - Andy Rutz presenting a summary of the public comment on the draft

Board feedback and suggestions:

- Land Acknowledgement
 - The board will provide the Coordinator with feedback by the end of this week. The Coordinator will get staff feedback.
- Waste
 - Keep “continue to increase residential waste diversion”
 - No need to reference “relative to other Front Range communities”
- Energy Goal
 - City-led solar is in the long term category, move it to Ongoing
- Action Hierarchy
 - Remove (“1-5 years”) and (“5+ years”)

- Exec Summary > explain that “Priority” action items should occur during the lifespan of the Plan
- Neighboring Community Best Practices
 - Add Denver’s Green Infrastructure Implementation Strategy
 - Spell out ICLEI
- Environmental Footprint Report
 - Remove the report from the appendix
 - In the Complementary Plan Guidance & Policy Background section, emphasize “greenhouse gas emissions dropping 9.9%” in the Environmental Footprint Report summary
- Executive Summary
 - Make it 2 pages - 1 page of text, 1 page with a graphic
 - Make the clear point that Edgewater has made much success - lead into a call to action to maintain the momentum
 - Make sure the “SMART” acronym is explained
 - Social Vibrancy impetus should lead and be underscored
- General
 - Add education symbol key footer to Goals/Actions pages

Shaima will notify the board of what time Andy will present at City Council in August

2) Sustainability Seminars - bookings update

a) Board member volunteers to introduce the speakers:

(1) Andy and Jeanette will attend July 31st

(2) Xerxes and maybe Andy will attend August 14th

November speaker > Jeanette will connect Shaima with someone from the Sloan’s Lake Foundation

b) Hauler RFP - proposal submission deadline extended until 8/15/2025

Posted to BidNet and <https://www.edgewaterco.gov/doing-business/bidding-rfps>

Category Lead Comments

3) Energy

a) Supports the idea of having an energy dashboard (as a by product of using ICLEI’s ClearPath emissions tracking software)

b) Met community members involved in the sustainable neighborhoods program believes interfacing with it more could be beneficial.

4) Social Vibrancy

a) Good ambassador list sign up at recent events

a. Have the sign up list available to monthly seminar participants

b) Shaima will follow up about survey with Jackie

5) Land & Water

a) Revised Land Acknowledgement Review:

The Edgewater Sustainability Board honors and acknowledges that the land on which we live and work is the ancestral home of the Ute, Cheyenne, and Arapaho Peoples.

We recognize the contemporary tribal nations tied to Colorado and honor the Elders—past, present, and future—who have stewarded this land for generations.

We acknowledge that many institutions have been built on the exclusion and erasure of Indigenous Peoples.

As we work towards a more sustainable community, may this acknowledgment serve as a commitment to confronting those legacies, uplifting Indigenous voices, and honoring their ongoing contributions to our community and environment.

- Add “48+ tribes”
- Shaima will share with other staff for their feedback

6) Waste & Materials

- a) Update on waste trends from clothing production as sent to the Board by Jeanette
- b) Provide information on (textile recycling) how to recycle clothing on our website?

ITEM 7. Public Comment

- a) Question about TerraCycle hard to recycle services
 - To confirm: the Candy & Snack Wrappers recycling box in the Civic Center lobby is not for wrappers drop off. It is for waste produced at the Civic Center (from the vending machines).
- b) Sustainability Seminars - consensus that enlisting facilitators from different organizations is good practice and spreads our investment in partners across different social/environmental topic areas. This is a way to center indigenous voices as well. Recommendations:
 - i) i.e. EarthLinks does Medicinal Teas > also supports people experiencing homelessness

ITEM 8. Discussion of Upcoming Agendas; Staff and City Council Liaison Comments

- 1) Upcoming Agenda Topics for August 26, 2025
 - a) Hometown Fest planning
 - b) Scheduling of a board retreat
- 2) CC4CA Updates - n/a

3) City Council Liaison Comments - [n/a](#)

ITEM 9. BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Sustainability Board Meeting Dates & Times for the next 6 months

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

- August 26th
- September 23rd
- October 28th
- November 25th
- December - TBD
- January 27th

Sustainability Seminar Series

Q3/Q4 Potential Topics/Dates:

- Building a Wellness Practice in Nature (Denver Urban Gardens) - JULY 31st, *confirmed*
- Rain Barrel Workshop (Groundwork Denver) - AUG 14th, *confirmed*
- Food gardens/food security (Denver Urban Gardens / Kaizen Food Rescue)
 - On site, *Wednesday, SEPT 10th*
- Medicinal Teas (Denver Urban Gardens) or CSU Extension session (?) - OCT 9th
- Sloan’s Lake water issues; Recycling/Composting; Home Energy (TBD) - NOV 13th

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 June 2nd
Draft sent to Board	June 16th
Board feedback due (via email)	June 27th
Draft posted for public review	July 7th
Final thoughts from the Board and summary of public comment	July 22nd (regular board meeting)
Council presentation / adoption	August 19th