



**EDGEWATER SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
BUSINESS MEETING**

**HELD AT 1800 HARLAN STREET
EDGEWATER, CO 80214 AND
VIRTUALLY THROUGH
THE GOTO MEETING APP
https://meet.goto.com/405842165
Dial in by phone: +1 (872) 240-3311
Access Code/Meeting ID: 405-842-165
June 24th, 2025
6:00PM**

****Requests for ADA accommodations (including American Sign Language interpretation or CART) can be made by emailing cityclerk@edgewaterco.com****

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

ITEM 1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

ITEM 2. Roll Call

- 1) All present but Brian Bartle

ITEM 3. Approval of Agenda

- 1) Motion to approve by Bruce, seconded by Jeanette

ITEM 4. Land Acknowledgement

ITEM 5. Consent Agenda

- 1) Minutes of May 27, 2025
- 2) Motion to approve by Jaclyn, seconded by Jeanette

ITEM 6. General Business

- 1) Sustainability Plan Strategic Update - draft review and feedback
 - a) Board member comments are due no later June 27th
- 2) Sustainability Seminar Series
 - a) Confirmation of facilitators still being worked on
 - b) Lilly will connect the S/C with Creighton at DUG, who planted the food forest in Edgewater in September, which would make more sense to highlight during the fall seminar series
 - c) Lilly will also follow up with Thai Nguyen of Kaizen Food Rescue
- 3) Citizen's Park Xeriscaped Garden - completed
 - a) Thank you to Andy for providing the design; Jackie for rallying volunteers; Jeanette, Jackie, Brian for helping plant
 - b) Andy's suggestion: go deeper with the mulch

4) Waste Hauler Contract Renewal discussion

a) RFP Review

- a. The waste audit was requested but there was no penalty for not providing it > in the next contract include repercussions for not following through on contract terms
- b. Going forward, a contamination audit should be done by a third party
- c. Ask bidders how can they can help us with contamination
- d. The City purchased residents' waste bins from Republic, which makes negotiating tricky as there is already an investment in Republic
 - i. Board member suggestion to be open to purchasing new bins with a different hauler if they deliver better on terms across the board.
 - ii. S/C will let the Board know how much the bins cost
- e. The Board has the continued request to have Republic get rid of the yard waste bins
 - i. S/C will send the board the current waste hauling rates
- f. Board request to have a third party contamination audit of Republic before the new contract is negotiated
 - i. Potential companies who can do audits: Federal Recycling, Waste Connections of Colorado, All Recycling North, All Together Recycling
 - ii. Jeanette will ask RecycleCO who they suggest and let the S/C know
 - iii. Board suggestion to have a contamination audit done at least annually, if not quarterly
- g. Hauling leaves to be composted should be explicitly addressed in the RFP
 - i. Scraps doesn't have the capacity to do large-scale leaf pick ups
 - ii. Question of how much this would cost or add to the general contract amount
 - iii. The community doesn't have the capability to use paper bags properly. Hauling leaves to compost would require incentivizing use of paper bags for the leaves
 - iv. This is an opportunity to approach ACE for bags through a sponsorship-type relationship, we could also consider the coupon approach (which allows us to track uptake)

- v. Board will email the S/C further RFP suggestions / comments
 - vi. Question from the Public: Can code enforcement help with recycling contamination auditing? If there is not enough capacity to do it regularly, maybe it could be done just in the high landfill months
- 5) HB22-1355: Producer Responsibility Program for Statewide Recycling Act, find info at <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/hm/epr-program>)
 - a) Timeline - producers are being enrolled in the program in 2025, reimbursements to municipalities begin in 2026
 - b) Reimbursements occur based on hauler billing of the City, not City billing of residents
 - 6) Federal Tax Credits for renewable energy will expire at the end of 2025
 - a) State credits are also shrinking due to the budget crisis

Category Lead Comments

- 7) Energy
 - a) Successful move of the lead into a new Edgewater home
- 8) Social Vibrancy
 - a) Good volunteer turnout for the Citizen's Park gardening days
 - b) Bike to Work Day is Wednesday, June 25th from 7-9am at 25th Ave. and Sheridan Blvd
 - c) The volunteer sign up list was stale, new sign ups are paying off in increased community participation
 - d) Board interest in getting an educational plaque for the garden
 - a. S/C will follow up with Resource Central requesting content
- 9) Land & Water
 - a) Land Acknowledgement update pending (tribes to be specified)
 - b) Pleased with the Citizen's Park garden design and planting volunteer turn out
- 10) Waste & Materials
 - a) Battery Stewardship Bill enacted: Polis signed the bill into law last month. It won't change anything for Coloradans until 2028/2029.
 - a. Batteries Plus accepts batteries even without a purchase (including large batteries)
 - b. Also RidWell and Rooney Road take batteries
 - c. Paint Recycling

- a. City Communications added the info to the website
- d. Sloans Lake Park Foundation
 - a. Has been fundraising, currently have \$40M for env'al and aquatic interventions
 - b. "Sloan's Lake" booklets are not official - Jeanette notified Kit and Dan requesting they tell them to stop

ITEM 7. Public Comment

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

1) Upcoming Agenda Topics for July 22nd, 2025

- a) Andy Rutz to attend and discuss feedback
- b) Hauler RFP draft and contract update (leaf composting and auditing)

2) CC4CA Updates - none

3) City Council Liaison Comments

- a) Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) update: residents are receiving postcards from the City
- b) If you know someone who has EAB in their yards, ask them to reach out to the City Arborist
- c) DRCOG is working on a statewide HVAC licensing program
- d) The State passed legislation requiring allowance of ADU's and they are now legal in Edgewater up to 750 SF
 - a. Community feedback received through a survey and public engagement reflects that about 80% of residents want them
 - b. Current city-level legislative changes only meet state reqs
 - c. There is discussion of getting the already existing "ADU's" up to code through permitting
 - d. Board inquiry about height restrictions and their implications for community character - concern that if there's too restrictive a height limit it will incentivize further scrapes and redevelopment

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

- July 22nd
- August 26th
- September 23rd
- October 28th
- November 25th
- December - TBD

Sustainability Seminar Series

Q3/Q4 Potential Topics/Dates:

- Plant pruning (CSU Extension) - JULY 17th
- Rain Barrel Workshop (Groundwork Denver) - AUG 14th, *confirmed*
- Food gardens/food security (Kaizen Food Rescue) - SEPT 11th
- Home Energy (Attainable Home) - OCT 9th
- Sloan's Lake water issues or Recycling/Composting (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) |
| Presentation due for Council packet | August 12th |
| Council presentation / adoption | August 19th |