



**EDGEWATER SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
BUSINESS MEETING**

**HELD AT 1800 HARLAN STREET
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September 23rd, 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

- 1) All present

ITEM 3. Approval of Agenda

- 1) Approved - Bruce motioned, Jackie seconded

ITEM 4. Land Acknowledgement

ITEM 5. Consent Agenda

- 1) Minutes of August 26th, 2025
 - a) Request to move the City Council update to be first on the agenda - Jeanette motioned, Brian seconded

ITEM 6. City Council update

- 1) Waste Hauler Contracts - approved
 - a) Council generally agreed with the board's recommendations
 - b) Rate review is typically done between now and March
 - c) There is ongoing discussion about the leaf pick up possibilities
 - a. Nothing definitive yet, it is a multifaceted issue
 - b. It will take a couple of years to get residents to transition (requires an informational campaign)
- 2) Flock Contract discussion
 - a) Please share opinions with Council if you have them

- 3) Waste rate restructuring discussion
 - a) Proposed statement by Bruce: *The Sustainability Board formally recommends that City Council and Staff work together to adopt a waste removal fee structure that encourages responsible and sustainable waste disposal methods, such as recycling and composting. The fee structure should be consistent with the priority action in the recently adopted Sustainability Plan to increase participation in the composting program. Any higher costs for composting as a result of the new waste hauling contract should be carried by the general trash removal program rather than through increased fees for composting program participants.*
 - b) Motion to recommend this statement by Jeanette, Andy seconded
 - c) City Council Liaison will request that the restructured fees be run through the Sustainability Board before being proposed to Council
 - d) Recommendation that this be presented to the Council by a Sustainability Board member on Tuesday Oct. 7th
 - a. Brian Bartle volunteered
 - b. Board Updates are provided to Council within the first 5-10 minutes of their meeting unless the agenda is rearranged

ITEM 7. General Business

- 1) Sustainability Plan Strategic Update - adopted on Sep. 16th!
- 2) Sustainability Seminars - general update
 - a) Food Forest workshop well attended and very informative
 - b) Kurt Weaver of Sloan's Lake Foundation is confirmed for October 9th - thanks to Jeanette for connecting Shaima with him
 - c) Shaima will be meeting next week with DUG about scheduling a Building Wellness in Nature session for the November seminar
- 3) Brown-Lidded Waste Bins
 - a) Sep. 4th - Inventory of bins done by City Staff between Pierce and Lamar.
 - i. 5 identified.
 - ii. Associated homes flyered with compost program info
 - b) Sep. 10th - Republic sent letter to the 13 subscribed residents
 - c) Sep. 25th - Retrieval of bins conducted by Republic
 - d) Week of Sep. 29th - City flyering to subscribed residents
- 4) Board/Commission members legal training - Oct. 16th at 6pm at the Civic Center

- 5) ADU Ordinance discussion
 - a) P&Z is working with consultants on the zoning code update
 - b) Thea informed Andy a statement from the Board could be helpful
 - c) From a sustainable land use point of view, the 15' height restriction creates more impervious surface throughout the City
 - a. Some residents are concerned that an ADU on a garage could create privacy issues according to some residents or significantly change the character of the City, but it's not any different from second story developments which are allowed and already exist - specific regulations could assuage the privacy concerns, i.e. windows at X height and size
 - b. Statistically, adding ADU's reduces tear down of SFU homes and therefore the waste creation and pollution associated with it
 - d) Is there a community in the region that offers a good case study?
 - a. Shaima will ask Logan if he knows of an example
 - i. See Denver and Wheatridge potentially
 - e) Board follow up with P&Z Commission - Next meeting is 10/22
 - a. Andy will attend as Sustainability Board representative to share the Sustainability perspective as based on the Plan's 4 categories:
 - i. Social Vibrancy > better aging in place
 - ii. Land and Water > impervious surface
 - iii. Waste & Materials / Energy > Single Family home tear downs create waste and are energy use intensive
 - b. Shaima will send the Board draft Pel-Ona provides P&Z end of this week
 - i. Correction: Pel-Ona will not have a draft available in the near future, they are simply presenting their diagnostic phase conclusions to Council in October
- 6) Hometown Fest Preparation (Saturday, September 27th from 2-8pm)
 - a) Sustainability Booth
 - i. Any changes to Board staffing? No
 - 2pm-4pm: Shaima
 - 3-4pm: Xerxes, Andy
 - 4pm-6pm: not needed because PIE tabling
 - 5-6:30pm: Jeanette
 - 6pm-8pm: Jaclyn, Bruce

- II. biggest educational opportunity
- III. Sorting game by Andy
 - Toss waste or sort on table
 - Equipment needed?
 - Andy will let Shaima know by Thursday
- b. Waste Management
 - a. Scraps zero waste event services confirmed
 - i. 6 staffed stations
 - ii. Post signs on regular waste bins letting people to know to compost and recycle
 - iii. Provide vendors with signs
 - b. The City provided compostable serving ware to food vendors
- 7) Sustainability Board Retreat logistics reminder
 - a) Date: Saturday October 18th
 - b) Time: 10am-2pm
 - c) Location: Civic Center Council Chambers
- 8) Sustainability Board Retreat Agenda: Strategic Update implementation
 - a) Implementation of updated Sustainability Plan
 - a. i.e. quarterly update commitments and what they entail, Priority Actions
 - b) 2026 Budget
 - c) Order lunch from Gladys, break for lunch in the middle
 - a. Prefer gluten light
 - b. Look into their catering options

Category Lead Comments

- 9) Energy
 - a) DRCOG is conducting a full length Sheridan study.
 - a. Bruce will participate in the focus group meeting this upcoming week to promote sustainable transportation options
- 10) Social Vibrancy
 - a) Food Forest seminar was a success
 - a. Recruited a new composting program participant
 - b) Jackie will share Souls4Soles flyer with Ambassador list on Thursday and mention our games and Scraps waste options during Hometown Fest
- 11) Land & Water
 - a) Request to print out flyers for HTF illustrating what can and cannot be 3 recycled

- b) Request that Staff provide recycling bins for the Hometown Fest Sustainability Booth game and print signs showing game points
 - a. Andy will cordon off the area to highlight that it's a game and not a real waste disposal site

12) Waste & Materials

- a) Excited about new Plan goals - interesting and new ways to move forward
- b) Jeannette will attend the Sloan's Lake Park foundation meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 5:30pm
- c) Denver City Council members approved Council Bill 25-0628, which amends the city code related to the 2022 "Waste No More" ballot initiative.
 - i. Goes into effect September 2026
 - ii. Composting will be required for multi-family residential buildings, non-residential buildings that handle food, such as restaurants, large outdoor events that serve food, construction and demolition projects larger than 500 SF and remodeling/renovation projects larger than 2,500 SF
 - iii. Dissenting Councilmembers cited the bill's potential to place additional burdens on small businesses.

ITEM 8. Public Comment

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

1) **Upcoming Agenda Topics for October 28th, 2025**

- a) Update on P&Z ADU discussion

2) **CC4CA Updates**

- a) CC4CA Biweekly Climate Funding Office Hours
- b) Key Federal & State Funding Resources
- c) Annual Meeting Follow Up Work
 - a. Action #1: Reframing and updating CC4CA's Focus Areas to Organizational Priorities
 - b. Action #2: Weaving storytelling as a throughline throughout CC4CA's work
 - c. Action #3: Ensuring the financial sustainability of the Annual Meeting
- d) Welcomed Littleton to the organization
- e) Action Alert: EPA Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding

- a. As of September 2025, the EPA has formally proposed a rule to rescind the 2009 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Endangerment Finding and all associated vehicle emissions standards. The public comment period for this proposal has closed, and the agency intends to finalize the rule by the end of 2025

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced a [proposed rule](#) that would undo the 2009 Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding and Vehicle Emissions Rules, which serve as the foundation for some of the most important climate policies the federal government has enacted - including pollution limits on vehicle emissions, power plants, and industrial emissions. This is part of a much broader anti-science and anti-climate Trump administration agenda that will roll back protections our communities count on, especially as we face greater impacts from climate change-fueled extreme heat, wildfires, flooding, and drought.

- Between now and mid-September you have multiple opportunities to take action:
 - For elected officials, add your name to this [sign-on letter](#) by September 16.
 - Consider having your board/council adopt a resolution in support of the Endangerment Finding (or your opposition to the proposed rollback); CC4CA has prepared a [sample resolution](#) and is happy to tailor this to your jurisdiction.
 - [Submit written comments by September 22](#) to the EPA; we have [overall talking points](#) drafted for members and will have a sample letter available in early September.
 - Publish opinion pieces in your local newspaper.

The Sustainability Coordinator will pass along elected signature requests to Lilly

3) City Council Liaison Comments

ITEM 10. 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

- October 28th
- November 25th
- December - TBD
- January 27th
- February 27th
- March 24th

Sustainability Seminar Series

Q3/Q4 Topics/Dates:

- October 9th - Sloan's Lake water issues with Kurt Weaver of Sloan's Lake Foundation *confirmed*
- November 5th - Medicinal Teas with Denver Urban Gardens *confirmed*
- December - N/A
- January - Topic ideas: Recycling/Composting, Home Energy, etc.