



**EDGEWATER SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
BUSINESS MEETING AND WORK SESSION**

**HELD AT 1800 HARLAN STREET
EDGEWATER, CO 80214 AND
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February 24, 2026
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) Shaima Shahbaz not present

ITEM 3. Approval of Agenda

- 1) Motion to approve: Andy Vieth
- 2) Second: Jaclyn Poliseo
- 3) Vote: Passed unanimously

ITEM 4. Land Acknowledgement

ITEM 5. Consent Agenda

- 1) [Minutes of January 27th, 20206](#)

ITEM 6. General Business

- 1) Follow up on Sustainability Board Annual Retreat general questions regarding current and ongoing programming
 - (a) Annual report to Council – required per COE code
 - (i) Tentatively scheduled for the first meeting in August 2026 to align with pre-budget discussions.
 - (b) Council work session – not required per COE code
 - (i) Council work session on building codes targeted for second quarter 2026, with state-funded consultant to assist. Session will focus on energy codes for sustainability board.

(c) Hometown Fest waste diversion outcomes – N/A

(i) Due to lack of data from service provider personnel issues

(d) UFMP Management – update at March board meeting

2) 2026 Tree Sale – Hosted by Parks & Recreation

(a) Date: Saturday, April 18th, 10am-12pm

(b) Location: Filipino-American Community of Colorado (1900 Harlan)

(c) 6 tree species listed on [PlayEdgewater](#) from approved Edgewater list, with English oak and bur oak recommended as hardy options.

Kentucky coffee tree noted as male variety without seeds. Hackberry clarified as large tree suitable for street planting.

(d) Promotion of Earth Day film screenings with on-site A-frame poster

(e) With compost provided by Scraps composting company.

Note: It has not yet been confirmed that Scraps will do a compost distribution at the tree sale

3) Business license renewal process – review

a) Staff presented a comprehensive review of the business license renewal process as a potential avenue to promote sustainability practices among Edgewater's 152 businesses, with discussion focusing on information provision, acknowledgments, or pledges rather than requirements.

b) The business license renewal process affects 152 businesses citywide. System uses Community Core/Community Connect software managed by SafeBuild third-party provider. Current process includes two-week review by multiple disciplines including fire district. 20 new businesses identified in 2025. Staff captured contact information and business categorization data, creating potential outreach opportunities.

c) Sustainability Integration Options

a. Four integration levels presented: promotion/information provision, acknowledgment of city policies, pledge/commitment to activities, or requirements. Staff emphasized voluntary approaches due to resource constraints and enforcement challenges. Comparative matrix showed increasing staff resources and authority needed for higher commitment levels

d) Colorado Green Business Network Discussion

a. Multiple Front Range communities (Longmont, Sheridan, Erie, Littleton) use Colorado Green Business Network for business sustainability programs. Network offers free

voluntary participation for businesses with bronze, silver, gold achievement levels.

- b. Board discussed incentives for business participation: website promotion, Friday email spotlights, ribbon cutting ceremonies, annual sustainability award, stickers/badges, inclusion in proposed sustainability walking tour. Emphasis on relationship-building rather than just recognition. Annual award proposed with eligibility based on program participation, announcement at hometown festival.
 - c. Board discussed incorporating energy audit sign-up into business license application. Excel Energy provides free business audits. Proposal for checkbox option with follow-up outreach by board members or staff. Discussion of balancing immediate action (direct links) versus delayed engagement (follow-up contact). Template emails and personal outreach preferred over automated responses.
 - e) Staff will email the business license presentation to board members for further review and coordinate with the clerk's office for potential Community Connect interface improvements
 - f) At the March Sustainability Board Meeting, staff will present potential options for incorporation of a sustainability statement in the business license process Earth Day Planning
- g) Films to be shown in the Council Chambers on Sat., April 18 from 4-6pm
- a. Logistics being managed by the Sustainability Coordinator, Lilly Steirer of Slow Food Denver, and Steve Blakely of the Colorado Environmental Film Festival
 - b. Featuring three Colorado Environmental Film Festival selections:
 - i. Jack Solar (agrivoltaic farm, 4 minutes)
 - ii. Peaks to Prairie (wildfire management)
 - iii. Uncovering Animal Minds (bee, wolf, chicken behavior).
 - iv. Additional Slow Food Denver film 'Snail of Approval' featuring local businesses Bebomba and Gladys with Q&A session.
 - c. \$5 donation fee for attendance tracking, split with environmental film festival nonprofit.
- h) Sustainability Board table at Edgewater Public Market on Sunday, April 19th from 11am-2pm (per venue recommendation).
- a. Approximately 10 vendor tables planned.
 - b. Activities include Slow Food Denver cooking demonstration, We Don't Waste compost discussion, possible Denver Urban Gardens

participation, Bebomba chocolate tour, Gladys participation TBD, and Edgewater Elementary seedling sales.

- c. Sustainability board planning community art project with kids drawing on large substrate for permanent lobby installation.
 - i. Lilly will source art materials through studio space connections for Earth Day family activity

ITEM 7. Category Lead Comments

- 1) Clean Energy, Bruce Perry
 - a) Will provide council update at next city council meeting covering Earth Day events, business license integration, and other sustainability board activities (will connect with Xerxes on talking points)
 - b) Will get oriented to the City's SolSmart City scorecard access (Xerxes will share login credentials)
- 2) Social Vibrancy, Jaclyn Poliseo
 - a) Noted event season approaching
 - a. Planning ambassador list promotion at Earth Day events
 - b. Will find out space requirements and logistics for community art installation in city lobby
- 3) Land & Water, Andy Vieth
 - a) No updates
- 4) Waste & Materials, Jaclyn Hustad
 - a) No major updates
 - b) Received orientation from Shaima on plan implementation status.

ITEM 8. Public Comment

ITEM 9. Discussion of Upcoming Agenda Items

- 1) March
 - a) Earth Day Event Planning (public market sustainability table staffing)
 - b) Business license process and sustainability statement
 - c) UFMP Management
- 2) Extended Producer Responsibility (April)
- 3) 2026 Building Code update (May)
- 4) Large Building Waste Management Discussion

ITEM 10. City Council Liaison Comments

- 1) Large Building Waste Management Discussion: Complex agenda item involving multi-family building waste diversion programs. Historical challenges include difficulty connecting with building managers, affordability concerns in tight housing market where costs passed to tenants, and enforcement complications. Multiple regulatory entry points discussed: business licensing, building codes, zoning requirements for new construction. Council member noted connection to ongoing dumpster enclosure and waste management enforcement discussions.
- 2) Short-term rental enforcement being outsourced for better regulation.
- 3) Multiple fee increases coming: water utility rates (currently subsidized by general fund), potential stormwater fee possibly next year for infrastructure maintenance.
- 4) Waste fee structure discussion - currently compost users pay more despite environmental benefits, proposal for progressive shift over five years to incentivize composting similar to tiered water pricing model. Extended Producer Responsibility implementation pending, may impact waste fee discussions.

ITEM 11. CC4CA Updates – N/A

ITEM 12. BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT

ITEM 13. WORK SESSION CALL TO ORDER

ITEM 14. General Business

ITEM 15. Public Comment

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