



**Sustainability Board
March 26, 2024 – 6:00 PM**

Please join in-person or from computer, tablet, smart phone.

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Meeting location: Edgewater Civic Center, 1800 Harlan St.
Putnam Conference Room

1. Meeting Called to Order - 6:05PM			
2. Roll Call			
Board Members:	Present	Absent	
	X		Xerxes Steirer (Chair)
	X		Courtney LaBrie (Vice Chair and Energy Lead)
	X		Scott Meyers (Secretary)
	X		Jeanette Pap (Waste & Materials Lead)
	X		Andy Vieth (Land & Water Lead)
	X		Jaclyn Poliseo (Social Vibrancy Lead)
City Council Liaison:	X		Lilly Steirer
City Staff Liaison:	X		Shaima Shahbaz
3. Approval of Agenda - Jeanette Pap (Waste & Materials) motioned to approve the Agenda, Andy Vieth (Land & Water) seconded the motion. Agenda was approved Unanimously			
4. Land Acknowledgement			
5. Staff Comments and Updates			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sustainability Seminar Series ideas for the second half of 2024 (see table and list below) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sustainability Seminar Series have been booked all through June. Further topics are needed to fill the seminar series for the rest of the year: • Reach out to CSU on Rain Barrel Workshop. Schedule anytime before July - September (Target August) • Home Energy Efficiency Session with Erin Shine (Founder of Attainable Home) which discusses myth busting, weather-ization basics, local rebates, and tax credits. Schedule in Fall or end of Winter (Target October) • Compost seminar led by Scraps (Target September) to include leaf care. Ace Hardware to donate a large quantity of paper bags for leaf composting. Bags to be handed out at the hometown festival (September 21) • We Don't Waste organization could lead a kids/family at-home sustainability series <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. UFMP Tree Plan Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Davey Resource Group is finalizing the first draft of the UFMP. It will be published on Envision Edgewater in Mid-April. There will be a two-week review period. Sustainability Board will discuss the plan at the April Board Meeting. Board meeting will be advertised in the Town Crier. Report is an estimated 150-page long. Davey Resource Group will be in attendance. c. Comprehensive Plan Status
<p>6. Upcoming Meetings & Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Spring Clean Up, Saturday, April 6th from 9am-4pm at Jefferson High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Scraps will manage compost distribution from 1-4pm ii. Sticks to Chips Morning activities will be from 9am-1pm iii. Email communication can be sent to Sustainability Ambassadors with volunteer opportunities. b. Seminar on Residential Heat Pumps, Thursday, April 11th from 5:30-7pm with Xerxes c. Ring-in-the-spring, Saturday, May 11th from 10am-12pm at Citizen's Park: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.edgewaterco.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/1541/67?curm=5&cury=2024 i. Will include a tree planting ii. Tree planting will take place after the event iii. Sustainability Board will be present. LED lightbulb kits will be provided.
<p>7. City Council Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Last meeting was held on March 19th. Comprehensive Plan update may include allowing ADUs and other zoning change. Moving more R-1s to R-2s potentially. -April 17th is the next Planning and Zoning Meeting
<p>8. Category Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Clean Energy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -EV Action Plan is still in the implementation phase. Significant development is on pause until completion and publication of the Xcel Transportation Electrification Plan -Home Energy Squad Audit program may continue again depending on renewal of the contract. -Board to consider finding new ground for a solar installation on city land. -Tesla Power Wall Xcel rebate now offer significant savings.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Social Vibrancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Edgewater Coffee Chats occur on Friday Mornings -Re-engagement with volunteers, including volunteer appreciation events should be considered.

<p>c. Land & Water</p> <p>-Garden in a Box is currently on sale and discounted.</p> <p>-Updates on the Comprehensive Plan will be important, especially with changes related to duplexes, ground permeability, and lot cover.</p>
<p>d. Waste & Materials</p> <p>i. Waste Diversion Rates 2023 and 2024</p> <p>-Infographic could be designed and added to a new section on the sustainability page as “sustainability data/benchmarking/etc.”</p> <p>ii. April edition of the Edgewater Gazette will include a section on waste and recycling.</p>
<p>9. Agenda Setting – April 23rd, 2024</p> <p>a. Sustainability Board involvement in the Ring-in-the-Spring tree planting</p> <p>b. UFMP – Discussion on public feedback of draft / Board input for Davey Resources Group</p>
<p>10. Public Comment</p>
<p>11. Final Board Comments</p>
<p>12. Adjournment - Meeting Adjourned at 7:56PM</p>

2023 Seminars and Attendance

Month	Class	Attendance/Max Allowed
January	Recycling	n/a
March	Sustainable Landscaping 101	42/40
April	Rain Barrel Workshop	20/20
May	Basics of Organic Gardening	37/40
August	Solar Switch Clean Energy Info Session	5/50
September	Fall Perennial Planting + Water Wise Landscaping in Edgewater	30/40
November	Avoiding Food Waste + Composting 101	8/?

2024 Seminar Schedule

Date/Time	Class Title	Facilitator	Contact	Board Member	Attendance/Max Allowed
Feb 29 5:30-7PM	Home Tree Care 101	CSU Extension	Erin Decker	Andy Vieth	9/30
March 7, 5:30-7PM	Indoor Seed Starting	Denver Urban Gardens	Caroline Sprague	Jeannette Pap	10/30
April 11, 5:30-7PM	Heat Pumps: Home Heating and Air Conditioning	COE Sustainability Board	Xerxes Steirer	Xerxes Steirer	

April 18, 5:30-7PM	Powerful Pollinators - <i>Family Activity Class</i>	CSU Extension	Diana Solenberger, Sharon Moore	TBD*	
May 16, 5:30-7PM	Basics of Organic Gardening	Denver Urban Gardens	Caroline Sprague	TBD*	
June 20, 5:30-7PM	Healthy Garden Pests and Disease Management	Denver Urban Gardens	Caroline Sprague	TBD*	
July	TBD**				
August	TBD**				
September	TBD**				
October	TBD**				
November	TBD**				

Other Seminar Ideas for 2024

- Sustainability 101 (Bilingual Program w/ Latinas Community Connection Services and/or Collective)
- Intro to Xeriscaping
- Rain Barrel Installation Demonstration/Class
- Gardening for Kids
- Residential EV Readiness
- Patio Planting Class
- SustainAbility Hard to Recycle Drop Off Event and Class

Specifics on the above ideas for 2024

Class or Event Topic	Contact(s)	Notes
Sustainability 101 (Bilingual Program w/ Latinas Community Connection Services and/or Collective)	Maybe contact Green Latinos for ideas on facilitators who could facilitate a class?	Consider intro to Sustainability class that goes through common behaviors that can improve sustainability. Teach class in Spanish w/ English option in a neutral location (church?)
Intro to Xeriscaping	Caroline Sprague (caroline@dug.org)	Popular last year – could pair nicely w/ new landscape codes outreach, if needed
Rain Barrel Installation Demonstration/Class	Colorado Stormwater Center – Riley Lynch (riley.lynch@colostate.edu) and Jessica Thrasher (jessica.thrasher@colostate.edu)	Popular in 2023. Jessica has great guides on how to host a rain barrel workshop. Consider just providing diverter kits to participants (not barrels) for ease.

Gardening for Kids	Caroline Sprague (caroline@dug.org) or Slow Food Denver/Lilly Steirer (lilly@slowfooddenver.org) info@gothamgreens.com	Gotham Greens will often donate seedlings (basil, lettuce) and extra peat pots in the basement if wanting to do a gardening activity or class for an event.
Residential EV Readiness	Sarah Kaye (skaye@brendlegroup.com) and Drive Clean Colorado (gabriella@drivecleanco.org or julia@drivecleanco.org)	Educate residents on what owning an EV entails; where they can find purchase rebates; pro's and con's of ownership; dispelling myths
Patio Planting Class	Caroline Sprague (caroline@dug.org)	Not currently a class taught by DUG but one that they're working on developing hopefully in 2024. Could have it in Spanish and English and at a neutral location (closer to apartments)
SustainAbility Hard to Recycle Drop Off Event and Class	Rachel Nathan (info@sustainability-recycling.com)	Drop off event for hard to recycle items?

Sustainability Board Meeting Dates & Times for the next 6 months

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm:

- April 23rd
- May 28th
- June 25th
- July 23rd
- August 27th
- September 24th