



**Sustainability Board
May 28, 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.
City Council Chambers

1. Meeting Called to Order - 6:03			
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 Papp (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 - Scott motions to approve Agenda, JP seconded, Motion carried unanimously			
4. Land Acknowledgement			
5. Staff Comments and Updates			

- a. Vote on Urban Forest Master Plan recommendation to City Council
 - i. Final version and standalone Executive Summary now available
 - ii. Scott motioned to vote on recommending the UFMP to the city council. JP seconded.
 - iii. Jaclyn - YES
 - iv. JP - YES
 - v. Andy - Not Present
 - vi. Courtney - YES
 - vii. Xerxes – YES
 - viii. The motion was approved unanimously
- b. Sustainability Board participation at the Grand Opening on June 15th at Citizen’s Park
 - i. Tree Planting at ~~10:00am~~ (Event is from 9AM - 1PM, tree planting will actually begin at 10:30)
 - 1. 2 trees will be pre-planted (1 as a memorial, 1 for Bill Cassel’s retirement)
 - 2. 3 Speakers: 1 from employee’s family, 1 city staff person for the retirement, 1 sustainability board member commemorating Arbor Day
 - a. Jaclyn Poliseo will speak on behalf of the board and will receive suggestions for remarks from other board members
 - ii. Tabling and LED Kit giveaway at 11:00am
 - 1. Promote Sustainability programs, collect emails, etc.
 - a. Courtney will staff the table from 11-12, Jaclyn will be available from 12-1; Shaima will be present from 11-1
 - iii. Sustainability Board can reach out to Sustainability Ambassadors regarding the Grand Opening event and activities
- c. Sustainability Plan Update
 - i. Discussion on the process
 - 1. Sustainability Board could lead the plan update instead of fully outsourcing to a third-party contractor
 - 2. Category leads will lead drafting and updating of the plan’s goals associated with their resources.
 - 3. Board will plan meeting to workshop sections of the plan. Afterwards, public input meetings can be planned to allow public ownership of the document.
 - 4. A third-party facilitator could be used for partial support including a public/community outreach plan, plan facilitator/project manager, and a Carbon Inventory update
 - 5. The updated plan will have to go through City Council and require a new city ordinance.
 - 6. The Board will consider an RFP or process for securing contractors capable of filling the scope.
 - 7. Jocelyn Mills noted a budget of \$50,000 - \$75,000 for the Sustainability Plan Update.
- d. August Retreat
 - i. Doodle sent – please respond if you haven’t already
- e. Seminar Series Scheduling Update
 - i. 9 participants in May’s Basics of Organic Gardening by Denver Urban Gardens
 - ii. Facilitators still needed for July, September, November, December
 - iii. Intro to Xeriscaping could be considered as the seminar for July. Board will brainstorm ideas for other seminars and facilitators.

- iv. For Drive and Ride, the Board should consider a weekend in early/mid November during the day to make the event more accessible for families.
- f. Update on Solar United Neighbors contract and challenges with Nelnet
 - i. The Public has voiced concerns and difficulties with Nelnet installation services and permitting setbacks. Nelnet and Solar United Neighbors have distributed instructions and talking points to assist participants who are having issues.
 - ii. The City of Edgewater is reconsidering its contract with Solar United Neighbors to ensure services are being rendered. Renewal of contract is on pause.
- g. Partners in Energy
 - i. Home Energy Squad
 - 1. Review of 2023 outcomes / Main takeaways from the Year End Dashboard (see summary in packet, below)
 - a. Residential participation is doing great. Participation has been generally increasing since 2019. 2023 is comparable to 2022 participation. Continued engagement with residential customers will likely keep participation up.
 - b. Commercial and Industrial (C&I) participation was a huge savings contributor from 2020-2022 but dropped off significantly in 2023: 2020 – 2022 the bulk of savings came from C&I participation (most noticeable on pg 3). Reengaging with C&I customers could help increase impact.
 - c. Municipal participation is low for all years. Engaging more municipal participation would increase impact.
 - 2. Contract renewal
 - a. Continued partnership and promotion of this program is planned so that the community is aware of and able to take advantage of it
 - b. Board ideas around how to spread the word are always welcome
 - c. Standard visits are now free and Plus visits are discounted
 - 3. Sustainability Board should consider having a Xcel representative present the home energy squad's services
 - 4. The Board should consider an inventory of municipal, industrial, and commercial buildings who have undergone an energy audit to target focus

<p>1. Upcoming Meetings & Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Saturday, June 1st – Edgewater Pride Parade, starts at Edgewater Elementary, 10:30am b. Wednesday, June 12th – Concert in the Park at Citizen’s Park, 6:00pm-8:00pm c. Saturday, June 15th – “Grand Opening” at Citizen’s Park, 9:00am-1:00pm d. Thursday, June 20th - Seminar: Healthy Garden Pests & Disease Management (with Denver Urban Gardens) at the Civic Center, 5:30-7:00pm e. Wednesday, June 26th – Bike to Work Day f. Saturday, June 29th – “Return of the Block” Grand Opening of 25th Ave. from Sheridan to Benton , 11:30am-9:00pm
<p>7. City Council Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. JeffCo LoveMyAir Program recently gave a presentation. Edgewater Collective, Jefferson High, and the Civic Center have air monitors that have been installed. b. Interim Judge Hickman has been nominated to support the City of Edgewater
<p>8. Category Updates</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Clean Energy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Renewing the Home Energy Squad contract is an exciting development that will yield notable energy savings ii. The EV Action Plan is unpaused
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Social Vibrancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Plans to engage the public and the ambassador group using new approaches ii. Develop a list of resources that can be distributed to the public and groups if they need ideas on sustainable event planning and other items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Land & Water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. N/A – board member not present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. Waste & Materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. earth911.com is a good resource that will assist households with ethical disposal and recycling. ii. Sloan’s Lake Park Foundation has two upcoming events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sloan’s Lake Wide open - putt putt pub crawl on June 8th, 12:30-5pm
<p>9. CC4CA Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Scott and Shaima will coordinate on how to update the board on legislative developments going forward
<p>10. Agenda Setting – May 28, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Added discussion on updates to the Sustainability Plan b. Updates on the Solar United Neighbors contract c. Updates on the UFMP and City Council action d. Discussion on the JeffCo Love My Air Program that COE participates in
<p>11. Public Comment</p>
<p>12. Final Board Comments</p>
<p>13. Adjournment - 7:27 PM</p>

2024 Seminar Schedule

Date/Time	Class Title	Facilitator
Feb 29, 5:30-7PM	Home Tree Care 101	CSU Extension
March 7, 5:30-7PM	Indoor Seed Starting	Denver Urban Gardens
April 11, 5:30-7PM	Heat Pumps: Home Heating and Air Conditioning	COE Sustainability Board
April 18, 5:30-7PM	Powerful Pollinators - <i>Family Activity Class</i>	CSU Extension
May 16, 5:30-7PM	Basics of Organic Gardening	Denver Urban Gardens
June 20, 5:30-7PM	Healthy Garden Pests and Disease Management	Denver Urban Gardens
July	TBD**	
August	TBD** (probably Rain Barrels)	(Groundwork Denver)
September	Composting	Scraps
October	Home Energy	Attainable Home
November	TBD**	

Month: TBD, Facilitator: – Jessica Swindon, Organization: Groundwork (Rain Barrels)

Other Seminar Ideas for 2024

- Sustainability 101 (Bilingual Program w/ Latinas Community Connection Services and/or Collective)
- Intro to Xeriscaping
- Gardening for Kids
- 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
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 from 6:00-8:00pm:

- June 25th
- July 23rd
- August 27th
- September 24th
- October 22nd
- November 26th