



**Sustainability Board**  
**October 22nd, 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			
2. Roll Call			
Board Members:	Present	Absent	
	X		Xerxes Steirer (Chair)
	X		Courtney LaBrie (Vice Chair and Energy Lead)
		X	Scott Meyers (Alternate and 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			
4. Land Acknowledgement			
5. Staff Comments and Updates			
<p>a. Sustainability Seminars</p> <p>i. 6 attendees for Home Energy Efficiency with Erin Shine</p> <p>1. His presentation will be added to the Sustainable Education and Resources webpage on the City website</p> <p>2. He will also contribute content for us to publish in the Neighborhood Gazette</p> <p>ii. Next seminar is Composting 101 with Scraps on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm</p> <p>b. Scraps – Future leaf disposal option</p> <p>i. They are willing to arrange with us a bulk leaf drop off at their site in Arvada</p>			

- if a City employee wants to deliver them
- ii. They cannot offer individual household leaf drop offs at their site
- c. Sticks to chips occurred
  - i. Maybe next year we could arrange with Scraps to do a bulk drop off.
  - ii. Can we let the waste hauler know that they should dispose of leaves responsibly and not in the landfill? Contract is up next year.
  - iii. There was a blurb in the town crier about asking people to leave their leaves on their lawns for mulch.

#### 6. Introduction to Rich Wilson, new staff arborist

- Over 34 years of experience
- Rich is conducting an inventory of the public right of way trees in the city
- Talking about some possible storm event protocols
- Open to suggestions
- Has worked with Bill Cassel for a while and on the transition
- Urban Forestry Plan - first thing you need is an inventory, there is a free platform that can be used and then we will transfer this over to a paid platform. Biggest thing is getting the data points and identifying possible planting sites. Would like to include some pieces about maintenance.
- Rich has met with several residents so far
- We've been losing tree canopy in Edgewater, what does Rich think about growing this? Yes, he thinks it can be done. With development - people can be encouraged to plant more. Maybe bring in more incentives, encourage people to protect the large trees we currently have. There are some ways to slow it down, even if it cannot be stopped altogether.
- Protecting forests can have a huge positive impact.

#### 7. Sustainability Plan Strategic Update with Andy Rutz & Melissa Baldrige

- Introduction: Andy Rutz
  - Loves working in communities of the size of Edgewater, we already have a great foundation here
  - Try to keep the effort efficient, avoid planning fatigue
  - Steps: Coordination, plan assessment - unpacking what within those plans really focuses on sustainability, where there might be contradictions, where there may be new ideas or coordination, incorporate Melissa's GHG inventory piece
- Introduction: Melissa Baldrige, Big Glasses Consulting
  - 20 years in sustainability, green building, ESG
  - Science is evolving
  - There will be differences from what happened in 2019
  - There is urgency to this work with climate change, but there is so much money available right now to help with this (ex: IRA, DRCOGS), what funding sources are available?

##### a. Review of Scope, Process & Timeline

- Process
  - Work Session - November 12th
  - Stakeholder interviews - 3 - 4 sessions in 60 - 90 minute increments, 8-10 people works best
  - Community Survey, use Envision Edgewater

- Strategic priority identification - workshop, focus on near-term and incremental wins so the implementation is palpable and builds enthusiasm. Start to build some of the muscle memory here.
- Second Board work session, it's okay if Board's ideas are different from the community
- Draft Strategic Update and Final Plan
- Stakeholders - citizens, staff... in this case - folks we will ask to spend a little extra time with us - residents and leaders, partner organizations, partner communities, city of Edgewater staff
- Note to include the mobility plan in the plan assessment - there could be some contradiction, would love to see coordination between the mobility plan and the tree plan.

b. Activity - Initial discussion on progress made since 2019; goals for this update

- When you think about the progress that the City (and board) has made toward implementing the 2019 sustainability plan, what are the things that come to mind?
  - Social Vibrancy - creating easy to understand info, making sure that it's not too hard to do, how can we pull out the things that matter and make it digestible to citizens
  - Energy - we've done so much great work, how to best communicate resources and incentives
  - Waste - make is so personal for people in a respectful way
  - Chair - lots of progress, solar on the civic center was huge, being designated a sol smart city, community engagement has been fantastic, Edgewater is a leader among other communities around us. We have a 100% renewable energy goal by 2035. Goal to not lose momentum, have SMART Goals that are trackable, the flywheel effect - the first turn takes so much work and then each turn is faster and faster. Goals - more solar, get higher sol smart designations
  - Lily - How every time we go through the plan, we are so impressed by everything we have already completed. Ex: Resource Central, Sticks to Chips... what is the next stage? How do we continually set goals that are audacious enough but also attainable? How do we create the smaller steps that keep us walking towards this. It was really hard to set smart goals on this plan in 2019. We have in many ways exhausted this plan, and for those we haven't hit, maybe that goal didn't make sense - it will be important to look into why this didn't work.
  - Energy efficiency - how to show this is so impactful and fun
  - We've hit about 80% of our goals in 5 years
  - Plenty of room for nuance in the goals, there could be a reason why it didn't fully make sense to go after something. Going through line by line in the plan is very helpful.
  - Challenge - working with multi-family housing - this is a large percentage - lack of communication lines here. This may not be a board problem, but could be more of a city problem
  - Invite Joel from Edgewater Collective to report out to board - in a stakeholder meeting

c. Stakeholder Interviews - hoping to do 3-4

- i. Confirm Groupings with Sustainability Board
  - Residents & Community Leaders, Community Partner Organizations, Partner Communities, City of Edgewater.
  - Any other groups we should include?
    - Businesses in Edgewater would also be a good group.
- ii. Identify Question/Discussion Themes

- There would be a set of questions that everyone in the group is asked.
- Any other questions besides those presented: What do you hope is in the plan moving forward? The current plan didn't gel super well until it connected with improving air quality - so connecting to this is important.
- Even though we come in with these questions, things can shift.

d. Next Steps - Sustainability Board Work Session Prep

- Tuesday, Nov. 12th 1.5 hour work session - Discussion of other plan contributions, Melissa's first impressions, deeper dive into Goals & Actions
- Beginning with stakeholder interviews
- Community survey - targeting early December launch on Envision Edgewater

8. Rescheduled November and December Sustainability Board Meetings

- a. Confirmed for Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm in the Noll Conference Room
- b. Confirmed for Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm in the Noll Conference Room i. Followed by dinner at the Edgewater Beer Garden

9. Upcoming Meetings & Events

- a. Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup> – Trick or Treat on Pierce Street (now Dia De Los Muertos, put on by the Edgewater Collective from 4-7pm at Jefferson Jr/Sr/ High)
- b. Monday November 11<sup>th</sup> – City offices closed
- c. Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Dat, City offices and Fitness Center closed

10. City Council Updates

- Code review on November 9th, any feedback or input on Tree Policy review - let Lily know before meeting
- Municipalities with 100% goals listed in the CML October publication
  - Edgewater has one, but is not included

11. Category Updates

a. Clean Energy

Successful Home Energy Efficiency seminar, want to get the findings out to more people - specifically the slide where Erin had summarized the different actions / impacts

b. Social Vibrancy

Can we get the recording and image out so people see it. Show them the great information people can get if they do come. A few of the past presentations are linked on YouTube and maybe we can start there bc this makes it very easy to link. Hopefully we can keep the ambassador list engaged as we move into plan updates.

c. Land & Water - n/a, lead not present to report

d. Waste & Materials

Jeanette will be at the Sloan's Lake Park Foundation Board, encouraging people to check out the website. Resource Central - Jeanette provided some feedback and they were very responsive!

<p>12. CC4CA Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Shaima can send out a list of links shared</li> <li>● CC4CA could be a great addition to the stakeholder meetings.</li> </ul>
<p>13. Agenda Setting – October 22nd, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 2025 budget review</li> <li>b. Sustainability Plan Strategic Update Work Session with Andy Rutz &amp; Melissa Baldrige</li> </ul>
<p>14. Public Comment</p>
<p>15. Final Board Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Jeanette - we will not be offering compost or mulch for the rest of this year? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Residents have composting services through scraps, mulching sticks to chips just happened. There will not be another Saturday event.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Jackie - no further comments</li> <li>● Courtney - thank you to Andy and Melissa</li> <li>● Lily - thank you as well - don't hesitate to reach out</li> <li>● Shaima - excited we're getting things going</li> <li>● Xerxes - thank you everyone, looking forward to next</li> </ul>
<p>16. Adjournment</p>

### 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:

- November 12<sup>th</sup>
- December 10<sup>th</sup>
- January 28<sup>th</sup>
- February 25<sup>th</sup>
- March 25<sup>th</sup>
- April 22<sup>nd</sup>