



## Meeting Minutes

### Sustainability Advisory Board

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Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

6:30 PM

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#### **1. Call Meeting to Order**

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#### **2. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum**

- Present: *Mackenzie McClaskey, Karen Winkler, Rick Kattar, Kathleen Teal*
- Absent: *Art Henderlong, Anne Walsh, Renaldo Grami*

#### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

- Mackenzie motions to approve, second by Rick

#### **4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- We do not have quorum to vote.

#### **5. General Business**

##### A. Council member updates

- a. No council members

##### B. Staff member updates

- a. Had a waste conversation scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup>, council postponed to next year. Brainstorming how to get council informed with EPR coming up.
- b. Whatever will be on the minimum recycling list will be for curbside, looking at getting it collected at the recycling center like Styrofoam and flexible plastics. Rick mentions that it should be free for us to collect by default. Will back with CAA on it this fall.
- c. Eryka and Emma – compost policy at state level (Grand Junction recycling); compost requirements for different municipalities and lessons learned.
- d. CC4CA annual meeting in Vail. Great presenter Michael Shank – how can we better communicate to the people we are missing now. Have brought this into the Sustainability Action plan, for example, getting a heat pump to increase comfort resonates with more people than getting one to save the planet.
- e. Community survey – sustainability questions are back on, there are two questions. One is about what sustainability is doing and if people want more, the same, or less of what is currently being done. One question is about a sustainability tax.

##### C. Eco-Cycle Presentation by Kim Orr

- a. About 27 field trips and presentations for schools; education topics range from energy conservation, water conservation and composting and to forestry so it's more than just recycling.
- b. 18 schools, two of which are not located in Erie. Eco-cycle has enough funding to cover Boulder county and uses \$10,000 grant to service SVVSD schools in Erie and Weld
- c. SAB funded 21 presentations in the spring and 21 in the fall. Getting to middle and high schools can be difficult due to their demanding schedules.
- d. Water program "h2oh" was new this spring semester.
- e. Did not assume budget from us since it was uncertain; Karen mentions that 2025 is already funding and fall is already good to go, it's 2026 that is uncertain right now.
- f. Karen asks if \$10k is for all of Weld; yes, it also covers Frederick and Mead as well as Erie. What SAB funds only covers Erie, though. It's considered an additional amount to

what they are already providing with the grant.

- g. Kim mentions she's always looking for sponsors to help with things like this.
- h. TOE is helping to launch a bunch of Green Star schools; meadowlark will join them under the supplemental environmental project funds.
- i. Zero waste event kits – she has 20 to give away to schools for event functions where it can replace the disposable plates and cups. Volunteers opt in to clean them rather than buy the disposables and the whole kit fits in one dishwasher load.
- j. Rick - Given EPR will cover education on residential recycling, how will they then make sure those educational presentations are considered residential education so that you get it funded. Kim will be tracking it more closely – reimbursements are forecasted to start mid 2026 and will be \$2-3 per household on educational pieces. Eryka mentions trips to the Erie landfill could be a good fit for that since the cost of that trip is expensive with buses and such.
- k. All the topics they present (with water being separate) is related to waste reduction and so almost everything the schools choose is covered.
- l. Water conservation programming was funded by the water conservation staff so we are “trend setters” – SVVSD does want to keep onboarding just in a staggered way.
- m. Rick says compost education also counts as EPR education so the green star schools program should be billable to CAA.
- n. Green star schools can ask for assistance on events that they host, where they would meet with the PTO beforehand and have two staff on site to help sort things.
- o. [Kim@ecocycle.org](mailto:Kim@ecocycle.org)

#### D. TOE SAB Website

- a. Needs to align with what is currently on the SAB page.
- b. Discussion about volunteers – where should it live? Does it need to be specific to each kind of activity? Does it live on the Erie volunteer page or our page? Not sure how or if we are allowed to directly collect interested people ourselves or if it needs to go through the town.
- c. [ACTION]: Mackenzie to make a volunteer tab for the Pollinator District volunteer page as well as one for the CFR volunteers to go over next meeting.
- d. [ACTION]: Mackenzie work with Town Clerk on what is possible and potentially loop in communications.
- e. Could we put a QR code on the sign for the bee hotel that directs here and tells people about the bee hotel? If town is not chill with hosting, could ask the library.

#### E. Pollinator District Update

- a. Got 3 volunteer signups at the Co-Create Garden Tour event
- b. Completed two pollinator surveys
- c. Ben Hemphill gave me the link to where the Town of Erie has different maps: <https://town-of-erie-co-new-site-erieco.hub.arcgis.com/> The hope is to use this to identify where to do surveys.
  - i. [ACTION]: Mackenzie will connect with Kathleen on parsing this to identify places
- d. [ACTION]: Joel Brunger is the manager of the bee hotel at the pollinator garden, Mackenzie will reach out
- e. Also the bee hotel workshop on Saturday went well; full house and a wait list. However, only one hotel went with each group so there are a lot of houses leftover. This means we have plenty to fund for next spring but there is room for improvement to optimize attendance better.

#### F. CFR Update & Volunteer Outreach

- a. Still don't have contract signed with them so until then, some things are on hold.
- b. Could ask for volunteers and interest in the community informally.
- c. Can still create relationships and reach out to the food bank, for example.
- d. Number of volunteers depends on the size of the harvest; they are really in need of harvest leaders.
- e. [ACTION]: Karen and Mackenzie will connect to make signs to drum up volunteers to CFR for our table events

#### G. Engage Erie Pollinator Map Update & Outreach Plan

- a. Karen noticed that one of the gardens is just “anonymous” and blank. Seems like zero value for community members but it is valuable to know the pollinators are provided habitat.
- b. Kathleen agrees to at least put a description of it. Mackenzie mentions that anonymous could just be a blob like they have on the Friends of Coal Creek map. Rick likes hearing the description of what is growing but also feels uncomfortable of the idea that people are driving by his house.
- c. **[ACTION]**: Karen tweak the changes discussed and connect with Jared.
- d. **[ACTION]**: Mackenzie will make some messaging to community members to add theirs
- e. **[ACTION]**: Eryka to reach out to Co-Create to get them to ask those garden owners to add themselves to the map.

#### H. Board member updates

- a. Prior action items
- b. New updates
- c. Rick asks about budgets. Thinks it is weird we don’t have connections to the HOAs. Can we hire a consultant to find out all the information on the HOAs? The challenge is the contacts are all the same and change regularly. Emma reached out to them multiple times and had minimal responses. Rick wants to make sure we have a way to get in touch with people to let them know their recycling is soon going to be free. [“Organizing Neighborhoods of Erie” \(ONE\)](#) is the group of people in the various HOAs to get together; not mandated but is getting resurrected.
- d. Mackenzie:
  - i. Connected with Miguel Aguilar, Principal Transportation Planner, about the Bee Line being used to assist people with transportation to the recycling facility. Large loads like yard waste would likely be a bigger discussion.
- e. Karen:
  - i. Getting a heat pump for the house: very aging HVAC went with Mitsubishi all electric system; quiet, and the house is super nice temperature and consistent and could not be happier. Will see in the winter how things pan out.
  - ii. Natalie from communications reached out to do an evergreen video interview about SAB, what we do and why it matters.

### **6. Adjournment**

- Adjourned at 8: 58pm, next meeting is Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

