



Meeting Minutes

Sustainability Advisory Board

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

6:30 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order

- Karen called to order at 6:32

2. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum

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

3. Approval of the Agenda

- Karen makes motion to change G to “SAB Support for Community Events”
- Karen makes motion to approve moderated agenda, Renaldo seconds, approved.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- June meeting minutes & July meeting minutes to approve
- Karen moves to approve both, seconded by Anne. Approved.

5. General Business

A. Council member updates

- i. No council members present.

B. Staff liaison updates

- i. There have been lots of successful events this past summer that SAB and the Sustainability staff have supported.
- ii. Resilience action plan is going strong. Almost 12 interviews including Councilor Baer. Working on a draft now, which is going to be presented in October. Eryka will be inviting them to September or October SAB meeting.
- iii. Sustainability Action Plan first steering committee session happened, Rick and Mackenzie attended. A charette meeting is this coming Tuesday from 12-2. Renaldo and/or Anne will update Mackenzie about being able to go as Mackenzie will be a backup; two SAB members are totally welcome to attend.
- iv. Pilot program mailers for bulk heat pump program coming to many single family residents in Erie residents August 11th. Similar to the bulk purchase solar program. Feedback on the flyer when it comes out is appreciated.
- v. Collaborating with Boulder County on a 5th solar switch campaign since the clean energy tax credits are going away at the end of this year.
- vi. Dylan will soon be out for the next few weeks; expecting his first baby!

C. EPR update

- i. Rick shares that the final meeting is on Wednesday, approving as a board the CAA plan. Chemical recycling is a sticking point. Need a process for separating and managing those. Asking CAA to find a third-party auditor to monitor that but environmental groups came to speak to what seems like a loophole. Lays potato chip bag can only be recycling through chemical recycling, for example.
- ii. Hoping CAA will come to EPR board meeting Wednesday to present a solution, they approve it and the advisory board is done and it goes through all the other processes of approval. Hoping to be done before November or December so that program is ready first

quarter of 2026.

D. Pollinator District update

- i. Mackenzie met with Kathleen to decipher the zoning maps for Erie; picked at least seven sites for pollinator surveys. Considering including private property for the sites but not sure if that's a good long-term strategy. Additionally, it sounds like site surveys don't need to be done every year.
- ii. Went to recent TAB meeting to ask them for assistance finding volunteers and funding the surveys for next year.
- iii. Reached out to our water conservationists to see where we land on the rubric, waiting to hear back. Met with Casey from Friends of Coal Creek to help determine who in the town I would want to reach out to for the other sections of the rubric.
- iv. Sent all the pollinator facts for the newsletter for the rest of the year to Emma if anyone is curious to get a sneak peek!
- v. Claudia from TAB is spearheading the effort to turn Linear Park (the long strip between High Street and Carr Street, from Wells street to Balcom or potentially further south) into a wonderful park and we could assist those efforts by adding a pollinator garden. That would then become a perfect pollinator site to survey so we can see the direct improvement of the efforts.

E. Community Fruit Rescue update

- i. Karen says we are so close! Once agreements are done, we can start pouncing on promoting the program and getting volunteers, harvest leaders and tree stewards. She presented at the Active Adults lunch about the program and got some signups.
- ii. Equipment has been purchased for them for the Erie harvests and the SAB shed now has a combo lock that the harvest leader will be given a code for when doing a harvest.
- iii. Sustainability division paid for equipment and after fall funds go to Eco-cycle, SAB has 500 dollars left to decide what to do with in their 2025 budget.

F. Climate Café®

- i. In one of the Cool Boulder newsletters had a meeting in Patagonia store in Denver to talk about climate change and we could even have some guest speakers. Would be amazing to bring this kind of event to Erie.
- ii. Mackenzie mentions it would be great to host after Arbor/Earth Day as that would be a great way to advertise it.
- iii. Tabling further discussion until later.

G. SAB Support for Community Events

- i. Karen wanted to bring up remaining community events for the year. Erie Air Fair on Sept 7th from 10-2 happens every two years. It's a big draw for a lot of people and could be a great visibility and engagement opportunity for the board. Karen and Mackenzie can attend the whole day; Anne can help out the second half from 1-3. Karen motions for SAB to be present at Erie Air Fair, seconded by Rick/Renaldo, approved.
- ii. **[ACTION]**: Karen will reach out to TAB about piggy-backing off them or otherwise securing the tent, weights and table.
- iii. Also in Sept, our next Cleanup event is Sept 13th from 8-2. Mackenzie can attend the whole day and will make more dog treats. Karen can do from 8-10.
- iv. **[ACTION]**: Eryka will order more cookies.

H. SAB Bi-annual presentation to Council

- i. Coming up on Sept 9th, Karen can do it and hopes to get a rotation going so that everyone has a chance to get in front of council. Mackenzie will be there for moral support.

I. Board member updates

- i. Prior action items
 - i. Mackenzie is working with Eryka about the website updates.
 - ii. Karen says pollinator map is tweaked and fabulous! 3 or 4 of them wanted to be considered for the FOCC certification. Make sure to drum up interest for it.

6. Adjournment

- Adjourned at 7:45pm and next meeting will be September 3rd at 6:30.

