



## Meeting Minutes

### Sustainability Advisory Board

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Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

6:30 PM

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

- Karen calls to order at 6:35pm

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

- Present: *Mackenzie McClaskey, Karen Winkler, Megan Anders and William Thomas*
- Absent: *Art Henderlong, Anne Walsh, Kathleen Teal*
- Also Present: *Eryka Thorley, Anil Pesaramelli*

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

- Mackenzie motions, Will seconds, approved.

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

- Mackenzie motions, Karen seconds, approved.

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

##### A. Advisory Board Member Welcome & Officer Elections

- Megan, Art and Mackenzie terms will be up April of 2027, all others will be 2029.
- Karen motions to keep Mackenzie as secretary, herself as Chair and Anne as Vice Chair. Mackenzie seconds, approved.

##### B. Council Member Updates

- New Draco pad oil wells and related mineral rights were discussed last night, more details to come as no details have been decided yet. Voting will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June.

##### C. Staff Liaison Updates

- Interim town manager has asked staff liaisons to submit budget requests for 2027 minus 5%, allocations for that budget will be discussed.
- Annual board presentation is in July.
- Installing the last 7 ports for the charge ahead grant.
- EPR update: starting to implement some of the programs. If HOAs contract haulers are already approved through EPR then you should see those discounts come through.
  - Mackenzie asks if haulers will offer the ability to sign up for ONLY recycling collection rather than trash and recycle. Unknown, Mackenzie will investigate.
- Flush and Flow program: fliers went out to old town but also targeted the manufactured home community
- Drought stage 2 declared: voluntary restrictions are in place. Some neighboring cities have gone beyond stage 2. Aspen is not allowing residents to fill pools and hot tubs with city water.
  - Check out the newsletter for native turf examples.
- Turf Replacement program: just asked for more funding from 120k to an additional 50k. Lots of participation. Average project is going to the maximum allowed in the program.
  - Eryka says that water conservation benefits of compost are incredible.
  - [ACTION]: Mackenzie will do a before/after photo for showing off her yard at Farmer's Market to drive more interest.

- LAWSC Service Center turf replacement is moving forward. Two grants to support it as well as plaques for education.
  - Resilience action plan capstone students are moving forward, reaching out to 2-3 HOAs to do a pilot workshop series to go through a planning process.
  - Events: Farmer's market tomorrow. Caleb and Dylan will be there. More events to be discussed later.
- D. 2026 Budget Recap & SAB Priorities
- Budget for 2026 is \$11,000. The bulk of budget goes toward Eco-cycle programming in schools here in Erie's St Vrain Valley School district (both Boulder & Weld Counties). The BVSD is already part of the budget but St. Vrain in Erie does not get that budget so our board funds it. They've already done the spring programming of 4k, fall programming will also be 4k. Community Fruit Rescue programming is budgeted in partnership with the Tree Advisory Board. Both boards provide \$750. Pollinator Surveys \$1,500, which would be about 3 surveys from the Butterfly Pavilion. Outreach materials & swag for what remains.
  - Waste diversion sponsorship during the Erie Cleanup days were historically done, but with lower budget we have not done this, so as we get closer to the fall cleanup we can assess if we can support that.
  - Arbor & Earth Day was financed by the TAB and SAB boards and the Forestry and Sustainability Town Divisions.
  - [ACTION]: Karen to send Megan and Will the budget info from the past.
  - Will asked about what the Eco-Cycle programming is like, discussed the various programs they provide for the schools.
  - Mackenzie asked if any of the recycling programming is now free because it's part of the EPR education costs. For simplicity, funding is going to Boulder County Resource Conservation (aka the BoCo Recycling Center team) to streamline education around that – half of this year and all of 2027 is funded but no funds have been seen as of yet.
  - Karen calls out the SAB Priorities Brainstorming OneNote document for putting all the ideas in there.
- E. 2027 Budget Proposal
- Eryka will submit by end of this week, requested that there is a 5% reduction across the board based on tax revenue projections. Plan is to take what we submitted for 2026 and take 5% off and next meeting can discuss allocations of that budget.
  - Will asks if we can get sponsorships. There are a lot of criteria as monetary exchanges are tricky, but there are already examples of entities paying for fliers or swag giveaways.
  - [ACTION]: Eryka to learn more about the details of sponsorships.
  - Megan motions to approve \$10,450 for our 2027 budget, Mackenzie seconds, approved.
- F. Public Engagement Opportunities
- From now until end of the year, we have Farmer's Markets, June 28<sup>th</sup> Makerspace Garden Tour, Fall Cleanup, etc.
  - [ACTION]: Karen to email Will the info about Co-Create Erie's Garden Tour tabling.
- G. July Meeting Attendees & Topics
- Can attend: Mackenzie
  - Cannot attend: Karen, Megan, Art
  - Rachel Balkcom is coming to present to us about what they are doing. Erie has looked at resiliency hubs, so also invited Chad Alexander the facilities manager for the town.
- H. Advisory Board Member Updates
- Mackenzie:
    - Planting for Pollinators Presentation and the Bee Hotel Workshop both went well, we now no longer have any more bee hotels. I'm still planning on doing a workshop in the fall to go over how to harvest the bees, plus an instructional video for anyone who can't make it. The planting for pollinators presentation included a LOT of plugs for Friends of Coal Creek, the Erie's Buzzing Gardens, the Turf Replacement Rebate, and Resource Central Garden in a Box.
    - This weekend I will be doing some pollinator surveys if anyone wants to join.

- We do have some leftover materials to make seed bombs, should I mix my own collected seeds to make more, or should I keep those for seed handouts this fall? Mackenzie's recommendation is to do seed bombs for fall handouts and seed packets for spring handouts.

I. Prior Action Items

**6. Adjournment**

- Adjournment at 8:10pm and date of next meeting is Wednesday July 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm.

