

Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board - Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 13, 2025

City Council Briefing Center

Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM by Brian Henning

Public Comment: Citizens are invited to address the Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board on any topic not on the agenda. 3 Minutes each.

- *None*

Attendance:

- Board Members Present: Brian Henning, Amanda Parrish, Kathryn Alexander, Happy Avery, Kerry Brooks, Kevin Fagan, Elyse Hochstadt, Larry Luton, Bob Lutz, Lea Molina, Kit Parker, Hala Zahalqa
- Board Members Not Present: Matthew Hollon
- *Quorum Present:* Yes
- Staff Members Present: Tirrell Black, Jon Snyder, Emily King, Marlene Feist, Maren Murphy, Katie Kosanke, KayCee Downey, Logan Callen, Elizabeth Schoedel, Kelly Thomas, Logan Kinnard, Sarah Sirott, Nicole White

Minutes: Minutes from 1/9/2025 approved unanimously.

Briefing Session:

- **Chair Report - Brian Henning**
 - Brian had a couple items to discuss:
 - Brian started off by thanking Tirrell for the improved briefing format. It helps board members to understand the relationship of the work they are doing and how it connects to other things.
 - Brian also noted that the mission and purpose of this board is to help assist the city in advancing climate resilience and sustainability especially as it relates to the Comprehensive Plan and to the Sustainability Action Plan. The board is currently focusing much of its attention on the update to the Comprehensive Plan, but part of work will involve the Sustainability Action Plan. Part of that will involve figuring out what the relationship is between these two documents. It could be a good idea for the board to consider creating a subcommittee that could be looking at the Sustainability Action Plan and what it would be to continue updating it after the Comprehensive Plan is updated on its own timeline by 2026.
 - Brian also discussed how much he values being a part of this board right now. It's invaluable that the board is able to be doing important and meaningful work to benefit the community. The board is fortunate to have a lot of agency and support from City Council, the Mayor, and a community.
- **Secretary Report - Jon Snyder**
 - Jon introduced himself as the new Director of Transportation and Sustainability and the new Secretary to the board. Jon has been fortunate to work with a governor with high priority on environmental concerns, and is just as excited to work for Mayor Brown, who has a great track record on the environment and a commitment to activating the city to do more on climate action. Jon is impressed with the wide range of knowledge and experience the board represents and their commitment to the work at hand. He's also looking forward to rejoining this team of City staff. The city has an amazing crew of talented public servants. We all believe in public action for the public good, and he's excited to see what can be accomplished together. He thanked everyone again for

deciding to volunteer their hard-earned time here with the city, and he looks forward to working together.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved.

Informational, Discussion and/or Action Items:

- Aquifer Protection Area
 - Presentation provided by: Marlene Feist, Director, Public Works
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

- Climate Planning Technical Update #2 – Climate Risk & Vulnerability Assessment
 - Presentation provided by: BERK Consulting and Maren Murphy, Planning
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

- Tree Equity Spokane Project
 - Presentation provided by staff member: Katie Kosanke, Urban Forester, Spokane Parks
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:52 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board Meeting is on Thursday, March 13, 2025.