

Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board - Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 12, 2025

City Council Briefing Center

Meeting called to order at 2:00PM by Amanda Parrish

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: Amanda Parrish, Kathryn Alexander, Ryan Arnold, Happy Avery, Claire Cooney, Kevin Fagan, Elyse Hochstadt, Larry Luton, Bob Lutz, Lea Molina, Kit Parker, Hala Zahalqa
- Board Members Not Present: Brian Henning, Kerry Brooks
- *Quorum Present:* Yes
- Staff Members Present: Tirrell Black, Emily King, Maren Murphy, Marlene Feist, KayCee Downey, Elizabeth Rivera, Logan Callen, Nicole White, Angie McCall, Kirstin Davis, Elizabeth Schoedel, Marcia Davis, Mayra Marroquin, Raylene Gennett, James Caddey, Sarah Sirott

Minutes: Minutes from 5/22/2025 approved unanimously.

Briefing Session:

- **Chair Report** - Amanda Parrish
 - Amanda shared an update on the newly formed Sustainability Action Plan Workgroup (SAPW). The group is composed of self-nominated members: Kevin Fagan, Kathryn Alexander, and Larry Luton, with Amanda as an ex-officio member, and Brian Henning as an alternate. The workgroup will meet regularly on the fourth Wednesday of each month. During the first meeting, they discussed a framework for prioritizing the actions identified in the Sustainability Action Plan. Potential criteria considered include actions that create net-positive benefits, those that have multi-sector impacts, and actions with clear opportunity for implementation. Kathryn Alexander prepared and distributed a report outlining recommendations for achieving the plans goals, which will help ground our next discussions and ensure that our discussions remain focused and strategic.
 - Amanda also took a moment to acknowledge the deeply concerning events unfolding nationally and in our community, including the deployment of the National Guard in response to peaceful protests surrounding immigration and human rights. These actions are rooted in exclusion and suppression and they run counter to the principals of community resilience and therefore climate resilience. Climate resilience is not just about infrastructure and emissions, it's about justice, inclusion, and democratic participation. A community that responds to crisis with compassion is one that will be better equipped to face climate challenges ahead. Our sustainability work must be informed by the same values we seek to uphold; equity, belonging, and the right for every person to be heard and protected.
- **Secretary Report** - Tirrell Black
 - Tirrell reminded board members that for the purposes of engagement with staff, and for the CRSB, everyone has city emails. Some people have been using their personal emails. If anyone needs assistance, we can circulate the City's IT Helpdesk phone number, or Emily can help walk you through set up and sign in. You do also have to change the password on your account periodically.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved.

Informational, Discussion and/or Action Items:

- Climate Planning – Phase One Wrap-up
 - Presentation provided by: Maren Murphy
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

- Master Water Conservation Plan Update
 - Presentation provided by: Kristen Zimmer
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:37 PM. The meeting was followed by an offsite tour of the CSO 26 Tank at 930 W Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane, WA.

The next regularly scheduled Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board Meeting is on Thursday, July 10, 2025.