

Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board - Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 10, 2025

City Council Briefing Center

Meeting called to order at 2:02 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.

- Monica Lowney

Attendance:

- Board Members Present: Brian Henning, Amanda Parrish, Kathryn Alexander, Ryan Arnold, Happy Avery, Kerry Brooks, Claire Cooney, Elyse Hochstadt, Larry Luton, Bob Lutz, Lea Molina, Kit Parker
- Board Members Not Present: Kevin Fagan, Hala Zahalqa
- *Quorum Present:* Yes
- Staff Members Present: Jon Snyder, Spencer Gardner, Tirrell Black, Elizabeth Rivera, Mark Papich, Maren Murphy, Amanda Kiehn, Angie McCall, KayCee Downey, Trey, George, Nicole White, Elizabeth Schoedel, Logan Callen, Sarah Sirott, Marlene Feist, Marcia Davis, Mayra Marroquin

Minutes: Minutes from 6/12/2025 approved unanimously.

Briefing Session:

- **Chair Report** - Brian Henning
 - Brian began by asking whether members have thoughts on cancelling the CRSB member in September as both Brian and Amanda are going to be absent from that meeting. No members voiced concerns. Planning can adapt their schedule but will keep CRSB leadership updated on their timelines.
 - Brian provided an update on the Environmental Protection Agency Community Change Grant which the City is a partner of with the Climate Institute, SNAP, and the Carl Maxey Center. Earth Justice and the Southern Environmental Law Center have filed a class action lawsuit that would include all the grants that are awarded under this provision of the Clean Air Act including our Community Change Grant.
 - Brian also wanted to propose an item for a future discussion. The provisions in the Spokane Municipal Code that Council updated a number of years ago related to when Cleaner Air and Cooling Spaces are triggered is in the section of Spokane Municipal Code having to do specifically with unhoused people. Everyone in Spokane is affected, so it is probably appropriate to begin thinking about having an ordinance that would update the code in order to reflect triggers for enabling resilience hubs and cooling spaces to be open and available, then eventually budgeted for.
- **Secretary Report** - Jon Snyder
 - A few months ago, the board received a presentation on the Tree Equity Program from Urban Forestry. We were set to get a grant from the USDA, which was paused. Those funds have recently been freed up, and work has begun under that grant.
 - We also had the Fire Department come in to discuss their work regarding the Urban Wildland Interface to prevent wildfires. This week, we had a situation where our fire department responded to 15 different arson fires in a 36-hour period. It is a frustrating situation, but our emergency services handled it quite well.
 - During the next meeting, we are hoping to have an item on our fleet electrification efforts.
 - Jon also sent out some details on the federal reconciliation bill. This is all federal policy, but it does impact our discussions here. When we see how far the federal

government has moved back on certain climate, sustainability, and clean energy policies. That may change people's thinking on what the priority is for the work that we do here.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved.

Informational, Discussion and/or Action Items:

- Budget Update
 - Presentation provided by: Jon Snyder
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
- Sharp Avenue Permeable Pavement Project
 - Presentation provided by: Trey George
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
- Climate Planning – Public Engagement
 - Presentation provided by: Maren Murphy and KayCee Downey
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
- SAP Update and Information on Utility Franchise Fees and Complete Streets
 - Presentation provided by: Amanda Parrish and Jon Snyder
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
- Transit Oriented Development 101
 - Presentation provided by: Colin Quinn-Hurst
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:13 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board Meeting is on Thursday, August 14, 2025.