

Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board – Meeting Minutes Draft

Thursday, August 13, 2026

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. Two minutes each.

- *Katelyn Scott*
- *Shanna Reese*

Attendance:

- Board Members Present: Brian Henning, Amanda Parrish, Kathryn Alexander, Happy Avery, Kerry Brooks, Kevin Fagan, Larry Luton, Bob Lutz, Lea Molina
- Board Members Not Present: Ryan Arnold, Elyse Hochstadt, Elysée Kazadi, Kit Parker
- Non-Voting Members Present: Community Assembly Liaison Santiago Rodriguez Anderson
- Non-Voting Members Not Present: None
- *Quorum Present:* Yes
- Staff Members Present: Jon Snyder, Emily King, Nicole White, Alex Scott, CM Paul Dillon, Adam McDaniel, Marlene Feist, Logan Callen, Chris Averyt

Minutes: Minutes from 6/11/2026 approved unanimously.

Briefing Session:

- **Chair Report** – Brian Henning
 - Our community has just experienced a horrific event. Brian thanked all the people in our city government who have been working tirelessly on behalf of the community. The need for lots of different responses is clear and that is happening at lots of different levels. These things take time, but some things are very timely so try to help support those things that will benefit the community. This group can help make sure we're talking about environmental justice principles that guide this work.
 - The Renters Right to Cooling Ordinance went through a number of amendments and was passed by City Council and signed into law by Mayor Lisa Brown. Spokane is the first city in the northwest to have passed such an ordinance.
 - One of our members of this board, Ryan Arnold, communicated that as an employee of Avista, he has asked to be recused from votes, discussions, and conversations related to data centers. When we have workshops, hearings, or items related to data centers, he would be considered a community member and not a board member. We can invite Avista to share as an organization, but as a board member, he's asked to be recused.
- **Secretary Report** – Jon Snyder
 - Jon reiterated what Brian said, everybody has done a terrific job. Have patience with the City, a lot of people are doing more than one job right now because the intense work of recovery and rebuilding starts now. We'll be focusing on this a lot this year and coming years. It's going to be a long haul to get that accomplished.
 - Since the board last met, the City Council approved a new member, Elysée Kazadi. Hopefully next month will be his first meeting. He is the Health Chair of the Spokane NAACP, and Jon is looking forward to what he brings to this board.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved.

Informational, Discussion and/or Action Items:

- Data Centers
 - Presentation provided by: Alex Scott and Flavio Coppola

- Questions asked and answered.
- Discussion ensued.
- Tree Preservation Ordinance
 - Presentation provided by: CM Paul Dillon
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
- Heating, Cooling, Weatherization Draft Ordinance
 - Presentation provided by: Adam McDaniel
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.
- Proposed Commercial Water Consumption Structure
 - Presentation provided by: Marlene Feist
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

Hearing Items:

- CRSB Recommendations to Council for 2027 Legislative Agenda
 - Presentation provided by: Nicole White and Jon Snyder
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

Motion: I [Amanda Parrish] move to recommend the policies outlined in Exhibit A. Seconded by Lea Molina. Motion passes unanimously, 9-0-0

Motion: Amendment 1 – I [Amanda Parrish] move we recommend Amendment One to City Council. Seconded by Happy Avery. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion: Amendment 2 – I [Larry Luton] move we recommend Amendment Two to City Council. Seconded by Kathryn Alexander. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion: Amendment 3 – I [Lea Molina] move we recommend Amendment Three to City Council. Seconded by Kevin Fagan. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion: Amendment 4 – I [Larry Luton] move we recommend Amendment Four to City Council. Seconded by Amanda Parrish. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion: Amendment 5 – I [Larry Luton] move we recommend Amendment Five to City Council. Seconded by Amanda Parrish. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:40 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board Meeting is on Thursday, September 10, 2026.

King, Emily

From: Linda Carroll <lindalouise701184951@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2026 9:01 AM
To: Rodriguez-Anderson, Santiago
Subject: support for CRSB legislative proposals

[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]

Hello, Santiago,

I support the CRSB's legislative proposals as means for moderating and coping with the increasing heat and drought brought by global warming.

Linda Carroll
Emerson-Garfield representative to Community Assembly

Sent from my iPhone

King, Emily

From: Chaplain TK <Chaplain@Shine1049.org>
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:03 PM
To: Rodriguez-Anderson, Santiago
Subject: State Legislative Emphasis Feedback

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Dear Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board,

As the Community Assembly representative for the Minnehaha Neighborhood Council, I am writing to provide feedback on the 2027 State Legislative Emphasis Areas, specifically regarding the second item on Sidewalk Funding and Infrastructure. I am writing on behalf of my neighborhood council who discussed this at our last meeting.

While we support the broader goals of creating a sidewalk utility program and improving pedestrian safety, we want to emphasize the critical need to prioritize funding and implementation directly within the Minnehaha neighborhood. Our area has long faced significant infrastructure challenges, and a sidewalk utility program must actively address our underserved corridors to make walking a genuinely safe and viable alternative to vehicle trips.

Additionally, any comprehensive approach to neighborhood infrastructure and climate resilience in Minnehaha must include the paving of our unpaved roads. Unpaved roads contribute to local environmental and accessibility hurdles that need to be addressed alongside pedestrian pathway improvements.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and dedication to a resilient Spokane.

Best regards,

-TK
Community Assembly Representative
Minnehaha Neighborhood Council

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