

April 14, 2025

To: Community Assembly Representatives and Alternates
Neighborhood Council Leadership

From: CA Liaison Committee

Re: Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board (CRSB) Liaison Position
Application Materials

The Community Assembly voted on April 3rd both to request the city council to add a non-voting CA liaison position to the membership of the CRSB, and to direct the Liaison Committee to initiate recruitment for this position among the neighborhood councils immediately.

The Liaison Committee has prepared the application forms and related informational material for the CRS Board position, which is posted on the Community Assembly's main web page (righthand side under Items of Interest). <https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/community-assembly/>

Here are the Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board's basics.

The board's purpose is:

"... to provide advice and recommendations to the Mayor, City Council, and community on the actions necessary to achieve the community's sustainability and climate goals consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan, Sustainability Action Plan, environmental stewardship policies of the City as adopted by the City Council, and within the requirements and parameters set forth in state law."

And its members are to be:

"... committed to achieving the goals of SMC Chapter 15.05 ["Climate Change"] and implementing the policies and recommendations of the Sustainability Action Plan and the Climate Component of the Comprehensive Plan."

In the long run, the CRSB will carry forward the city's sustainability goals, already codified in the form of the adopted Sustainability Action Plan.

In the short run, the CRSB is to be the focus group for planners working on integrating climate hazard resiliency into the 2026 comprehensive plan update.

For the Community Assembly, the liaison role is intended as listener and informed commentator from the perspective of an engaged resident with some academic orientation to the topics and issues the board is set up to make recommendations about.

The rules of procedures for the CRS Board states, "8.6 - Liaisons provide regular reports to the Board and share information about Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board business with their respective bodies." And "Liaisons may participate in workshop discussion and in deliberations. Liaisons do not vote or make motions."

Here are relevant web page links:

The city's page for the CRS Board is here:

<https://my.spokanecity.org/bcc/boards/climate-resilience-and-sustainability-board/>

Chapter 15 of the Spokane municipal code is titled "Environmental Stewardship."

The 15.05 section is "Climate Change."

<https://my.spokanecity.org/smc/?Chapter=15.05>

Spokane's comprehensive plan climate-related update material is housed on the web at "Plan Spokane."

<https://my.spokanecity.org/planspokane/climate-planning/>