

Sustainability Advisory Board

Agenda

Wednesday, July 15, 2026
Louisville Public Library
951 Spruce Street
6:30 PM

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call

A. Aubrey is secretary.

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda and Items on the Consent Agenda

Public comments are limited to 3 minutes per speaker. When several people wish to speak on the same position on a given item, a spokesperson may be used to state that position.

4. Board Consent Agenda

The following items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine, and shall be approved, adopted, accepted, etc. by a motion of the Board unless a board member specifically requests an item be considered under "Regular Business". In such an event, the item shall be removed from the "Consent Agenda" and action taken separately on said item in the order appearing on the agenda. Those items so approved under the heading "Consent Agenda" will appear in the Board Minutes in their proper order.

A. Approval of LSAB May Minutes

5. Staff Report

A. Administrative Tasks and Staff Update

6. Regular Business

A. Discussion_Direction: Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) Funding Reallocation Proposal

7. Adjourn

Resident Information

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**Louisville Sustainability Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2026
Louisville Library Board Room
6:30pm**

Allison called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Roll Call was taken, and the following members were present:

Board Members Present:

Alex Bentz
Nisa Bradley
Eliza Greene
Allison Kay
Tiffany Boyd - Remote - Arrived

Staff Present:

Hannah Miller, Staff Liaison & Sustainability Manager
Logan Johnson, Sustainability Specialist

Board Members Not Present:

Greg Dimedio
Aubrey Suber

****Please add **Remote** or **Arrived at TIME** for anyone who is virtual or arrived after the meeting was called to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alex moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Eliza

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

John Cowley, Louisville resident: Front Range Sustainability Council meets in person 1/quarter. Members and ex-members of Sustainability Councils are invited to attend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Eliza moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Alex

DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ITEM 1:

Sustainability Action Plan - Next Steps.

Hannah Miller introduced the item. Staff recommend reallocating previously approved Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) funding from Plan update efforts to the implementation of existing climate programs. Board members questioned how this would work, to ensure that it meets legal and public expectations. This does not impact future GHG inventories, which would still take place. Suggestion to include more detail about recommended areas of focus into the memo for Council. It is going to be significantly challenging to meet our goals, and we will need to continue with significant focus to make progress.

After discussion, LSAB is in unanimous support of reallocation of the full \$63k from SAP to immediate implementation plan.

Alex moved to approve. Eliza seconded. All board members present voted in support of the resolution. Alex will represent LSAB at the upcoming City Council meeting in a comment in support.

Public Comment

John Cowley Commented: What are the steps that we are going to reach? To impact the results will take significant actions

DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ITEM 2:

LSAB and City Council Collaborative meeting preparation

Eliza will present budget slides to Council on behalf of LSAB, Alex and Greg to present water slides. 15-20 minute presentation. Discussion to follow.

Ideas for presentation: discussion of how to include other cities who are seeing success. Plan to also provide key questions in preparation slides. Adding slides to deck: Nisa to help with public opinion slide. Eliza to help with question slide.

Eliza moved to approve insertion of slides on public opinion and on questions for council. Tiff seconded. Approved unanimously by LSAB vote

Public Comment

John Cowley Commented: Would like to speak in support. We know what to do, we just haven't done it. We need to include a specific data-driven approach of the expected impact of the topics, with recognition of the funding required to accomplish them.

Catherine Smith, Louisville Ward 3 Commented: Agrees that messaging matters. Need to make it clear that it's moving in the right direction, to ensure Council feels they can do something to provide benefit in the desired direction as well.

ADJOURN

Allison adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Alex moved to Adjourn. Eliza Seconded.

Administrative Tasks

A new agenda management system has been launched for all Boards and Commissions. As a result, agendas and agenda packets will look different from previous LSAB materials. This change is intended to streamline processes and create consistency across the organization. Some LSAB-specific features, such as time estimations, are more limited in the new system.

The Deputy City Manager recently presented to City Council on the development of a Boards and Commissions Handbook. Council directed staff to further explore this initiative. Key considerations include establishing standardized meeting start times and improving consistency in staff time and resources dedicated to preparing Board and Commission materials.

LSAB will receive a short survey to engage in this process.

LSAB's collaborative City Council mtg is scheduled for August 11 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers. Allison would like to take time from our July mtg to double check attendance. Please come prepared to confirm/deny attendance.

Reminder to schedule your water meter replacement! Click [here](#) to learn more.

Programmatic Updates

Hard-to-Recycle Voucher:

Louisville's Hard to Recycle Voucher launched, providing access to a wider breadth of materials to be recycled and wider availability to this service. In partnership with Eco Cycle 1,320 vouchers were made available to residents. Since the launch of the voucher, over 1,096 people have registered and almost 253 have used their voucher.

Commercial Sustainability Rebate:

Deadline for business applications is August 7, 2026.

Since the launch of the program, staff and Boulder County Partners for a Clean Environment (PACE) has carried out in-person engagement with businesses throughout Louisville to assist businesses. Outreach and assistance will be available for businesses until the application close date.

Sustainable Neighborhood Network:

The City has joined the Sustainable Neighborhood Network and is working through the initial planning stages to eventually launch the program. Louisville's program will be called Louisville's Sustainable Neighborhood Program. Program launch will occur on September 10, 2026 from 4-7:00 pm at the Louisville Recreation Center. More information about the program and its structure will be provided in the coming months.

Power Ahead Colorado (PACO)

Power Ahead Colorado (PACO) is a Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) initiative funded through a \$200 million federal Climate Pollution Reduction Grant awarded in 2024. The program aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality by helping residents and businesses make their homes and buildings healthier, more comfortable, and more energy efficient through electrification and energy-efficiency upgrades.

PACO provides free Energy Advisor services to help residents and businesses evaluate projects, identify available incentives, and maximize rebate opportunities. The program also connects participants with vetted contractors and provides educational resources on electrification technologies and equipment maintenance. In addition, PACO is providing a \$1,500 rebate for qualifying cold-climate air-source heat pumps, which can be combined with available utility and local incentives. Click [here](#) to learn more about the eligibility requirements for PACO.

To increase awareness of these resources, the City of Louisville Sustainability Division will be engaging with residents at the following community events:

- **July 16, 6:30-8:15pm** | Concerts in the Park | Louisville Community Park
- **August 7, 5:30-9:30pm** | Street Faire | 824 Front Street
- **September 26, 9am-1pm** | Louisville Farmers Market | Louisville Library Plaza

During Louisville's Bike to Work Day event in June, Sustainability Division staff engaged with more than 250 residents, providing information about electrification, available incentives, and the new Power Ahead Colorado resources. We look forward to building on this momentum through continued outreach and community engagement.

Learn more: www.poweraheadcolorado.org

Budget Process

The City follows a biennial budget process and is currently entering the 2027–2028 budget cycle. The budget process is underway, and like many communities across Colorado, the City is experiencing flattening revenues alongside increasing expenses. The City Council Budget Retreat is July 22nd. Hannah will be in attendance.

Water Conservation

Public Works staff are continually monitoring drought conditions.

State Legislation

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Act:

Staff have submitted an application for reimbursement of Collection Services in partnership with Republic Services. Pending the resolution of any legal challenges, the City anticipates receiving

reimbursements to help offset the costs of curbside recycling for households under the Republic contract.

Staff have also submitted an Education and Outreach application in partnership with Boulder County. This approach is intended to shift required education and outreach efforts to Boulder County staff. Under the draft agreement, Boulder County will lead implementation of mailers, events, and other scoped outreach activities on behalf of the City. Staff are in discussion with Circular Action Alliance (CAA) regarding language for the Joint Service Agreement.

Events

For the second year in a row, Louisville collaborated with Keep it Clean Partnership and Boulder County on a [rain barrel workshop](#) for residents and community members. This was an opportunity for community members to learn about rain barrel usage and installation and other associated waterwise opportunities available. Out of the 7 rain barrel workshops across Boulder County, 196 barrels were distributed, and 289 of the 313 registrants showed up to scheduled workshops.

Louisville staff participated in this summer's Bike to Work Day event through DRCOG by hosting a station on June 24, 2026, outside of Louisville's City Hall. This event has always been an opportunity to engage community members on multi-modal transportation, safe transportation in our communities, and to learn more about all other Louisville initiatives occurring. Burritos and coffee were available to community members and those participating in Bike to Work Day. Roughly 250 participants and community members stopped by the station and participated in the event.

Project Updates

Sustainability Action Plan and Wedge Analysis

City Council approved the Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) funding reallocation. See discussion/direction for staff proposal.

In June, Sustainability staff and consultant ICLEI USA presented the findings of the Wedge Analysis and Louisville's current greenhouse gas emissions trends to City Council. Following that presentation, City Council supported staff's recommendation to reallocate the remaining \$63,000 previously budgeted for the Sustainability Action Plan update toward high-impact implementation efforts.

Staff recommend prioritizing emissions mitigation initiatives, specifically electrification rebates, to ensure the funding directly supports decarbonization in Louisville. Staff propose investing in three existing rebate programs: Boulder County EnergySmart, PACE commercial electrification rebates, and DRCOG/Power Ahead Colorado (PACO) electrification rebates.

Staff do not have the capacity to develop and administer a new rebate program this year. Instead, leveraging established programs allows the City to quickly direct residents and businesses to trusted, proven initiatives while increasing participation, strengthening community awareness, and building recognition of existing rebate opportunities.

Potential funding allocation options include:

1. Even distribution
 - a. \$21,000 to Boulder County EnergySmart (equity-priority residential electrification)
 - b. \$21,000 to PACE Commercial Electrification Rebates
 - c. \$21,000 to DRCOG/PACO Electrification Rebates
2. Emissions reduction priority
 - a. \$30,000 to PACE Commercial Electrification Rebates
 - b. \$28,000 to DRCOG/PACO Electrification Rebates
 - c. \$5,000 to Boulder County EnergySmart
3. Equity priority
 - a. \$30,000 to Boulder County EnergySmart
 - b. \$16,500 to PACE Commercial Electrification Rebates
 - c. \$16,500 to DRCOG/PACO Electrification Rebates

Additionally, DRCOG/PACO plans to launch a commercial electrification rebate program in early 2027. Staff could instead allocate the full \$63,000 to DRCOG/PACO, allowing the



funding to support both residential and commercial existing building electrification through a single regional program.

These existing rebate programs focus on electrifying Louisville's existing building stock, which accounts for nearly 65% of the City's greenhouse gas emissions, making it one of the greatest opportunities for emissions reductions in both residential and commercial buildings. In addition to their potential climate impact, the Boulder County EnergySmart, PACE commercial electrification, and DRCOG/Power Ahead Colorado (PACO) electrification rebate programs are consistently among the most sought-after incentives available to Louisville residents and businesses. Funding for these programs is frequently exhausted before the end of the rebate period, leaving qualified applicants unable to access available incentives despite strong interest in completing eligible projects. Increasing funding for these established rebate categories would expand access to rebates, support additional electrification and energy efficiency upgrades, accelerate progress toward the City's climate and sustainability goals, and maximize the value of existing regional and state incentive programs.