

**Environmental Advisory Board
September 24, 2025
Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Absent: Benjamin Elwood

Present: Maria Rotunda, Linda Alison, Nate Christianson, Michael Fitch, Jennifer Fugita, Jenni Braun-Paliszewski, Holli Arnett, Bridger Tomlin (Staff Liaison), Kate Williams (Graduate Student Consultant), Tara Sullivan (Graduate Student Consultant), Lindsay Knight (Graduate Student Consultant)

Agenda Approval

Holli Moved, Jenni Seconded, all in favor

Approval of Minutes from the August 27, 2025 meeting

Michael moved, Linda Seconded, All in favor, Holli abstained

Public Comment: None

6:40 p.m.

City Council Liaison Report: None

New Business

- Presentation on waste diversion initiatives by CU-Boulder Masters of the Environment capstone students (Kate Williams, Tara Sullivan, Lindsay Knight)
 - Presentation provided and discussion and feedback shared
- Update on Front Range Sustainability Council Business Meeting (Maria Rotunda)
 - Business meeting well attended with 20 people
 - Internal election to be held for leadership
 - November Meeting on Sustainability Planning and Metrics
 - Bridger to be on panel
 - “Save the Date” to be sent in October
- Neighborhood Sustainability Program (Bridger Tomlin)
 - Lexington HOA project to convert 2 acres of Kentucky bluegrass to native grass
 - Linda asserted that the City should promote this program and the impact it’s having in the Westminster community; others supported
 - NorthPark HOA project to provide compost pilot for yard waste

Old Business

- Update on Open Space pollinator gardens and volunteer opportunities
 - Open Space to install a pollinator garden at Semper Farms/Alison Gardens in spring, 2026.
 - EAB invited to help plant in May and if interested long-term maintenance
 - Semper Farms volunteering opportunity:
 - Saturday, September 27, 8-10 AM
 - Register here: <https://www.westminsterco.gov/398/Open-Space-Volunteering>

- Open Space volunteer opportunities
 - Trail maintenance
 - Pollinator Garden Construction
 - Seed Collection—Butterfly Pavilion support
 - Open Space Maintenance Tasks
 - Naturalist and Restoration Volunteer Training
 - Naturalist: curriculum and naturalist education talks
 - Restoration: Survey data and science-based restoration work
- Westy Fest tabling discussion
 - Waste sorting game
 - Setting Up: Jennifer to bring tent on Friday
 - Starting shifts (11-3): Jamie, Linda, Jennifer?
 - Middle (3-5): Bridger, Jamie
 - Ending Shifts (5-8): Nate, Jenni
- Scoping future projects and initiatives
 - Tabled to October

Staff Reports or Other Announcements

- Hiring Update: Sustainability Associate/Intern position hired, starting Oct. 20.
- Grants Update: DRCOG BPC grant accepted by City Council and budget authorized

Adjournment

8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 29, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

The mission of the Environmental Advisory Board is to: advise City Council and Staff on environmental matters and sustainability. The EAB engages with our community and advocates for collaborative, bold, and scaleable solutions for a clean, vibrant, and resilient Westminster for current and future generations.