



## Work Plan

**To:** The Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Theresa Worsham, Sustainability Manager  
**Through:** Scott Vargo, City Manager  
**Date:** February 13, 2024  
**Re:** Community Sustainability Advisory Board 2024 Work Plan

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**Mission/Purpose of Board/Commission:** The mission of the Community Sustainability Advisory Board is to assist the City of Golden in defining and achieving its sustainability goals and to empower the community to live in a way that assures a high quality of life for current and future generations.

**2023 Accomplishments:** Several initiatives moved forward, including:

- Net Zero Building Energy Codes. The Board held three community meetings to solicit input about definitions, exemptions and renewable energy targets and summarized the community feedback.
- Sustainability Rebates Program. The Board expanded the number of incentives available to residents for energy conservation, electrification and water conservation actions with more than 70 applications received and nearly \$25,000 distributed.
- Community Solar. An application for a 5-megawatt project was submitted to Xcel Energy and although Xcel declined to approve the project, the Board will use this information to inform next steps in an overall renewable energy strategy.
- Sustainability Metrics. The Board assembled and analyzed available data and finalized content for the City website. These efforts will move into a regular work item for an annual report.

**2023 Incomplete/Unfinished Goals:**

- The Community Roadmap for Electrified Transportation. Written, edited and approved by CSAB. Council review deferred to allow additional time for outreach to other boards and community.

- Commercial Energy Benchmarking program. Council requested to defer to Q1 for further refinement and alternate policy options.
- Single Use Plastics policy recommendation. The Board concluded this issue has become a lower priority given the relatively low potential for waste diversion and recent challenges in the regional compost industry.
- Multi-family and Commercial Recycling ordinance. To widen access to recycling services to all, the Board is expected to send a recommendation for a citywide recycling ordinance after research and public outreach.

**2024 Board Goals:** CSAB discussed near-term and ongoing initiatives at their December 9th annual retreat and January 24th regular meeting and offers the following 2024 CSAB Work Plan for Council’s consideration.

SMARTIE Goal (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-bound, Inclusive and Equitable)		<a href="#">Success Factor</a>	<a href="#">Council Initiatives and Key Projects</a>	If not an initiative or key project, is it proposed to be one?	Input from other boards needed?
<b>1</b>	<b>Adopt Council suggested Rules of Procedure, Q2</b> Address “Article IX” or board specific rules and procedures by early May	Quality Services	Boards and Commissions Subcommittee	N/A	
<b>2</b>	<b>Energy Codes for new buildings Recommendation, Q2</b> As the Board’s top priority for 2024, CSAB expects to forward a refined recommendation to City Council after additional public input and analysis. If this initiative is approved by City Council, the Board will then begin work on these next efforts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commercial Energy Benchmarking policy recommendation</li> <li>• Municipal buildings Net Zero policy recommendation</li> <li>• Energy codes for existing buildings: research</li> </ul>	Active, Connected & Sustainable		N/A	Planning Commission
<b>3</b>	<b>Community Renewable Energy Strategy, Q2</b> The Board is working with NREL to help inform a new renewable energy strategy that could include solar gardens and other programs to	Active, Connected & Sustainable	4a	N/A	

	<p>make renewable energy accessible to residents and businesses. The Board will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compile and share the results of the NREL research.</li> <li>• Continue to work on community solar garden opportunities.</li> </ul>				
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Adopt a Community Roadmap for Electrified Transportation, Q1</b></p> <p>CSAB is sending the draft plan for Council review on February 27. If approved, the Board will then begin to work on items within the plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fees for public charging stations</li> <li>• A geographic study of priority locations for chargers</li> <li>• Review of EV charger requirements for new construction</li> <li>• E-mobility incentives (recommendation) and tech expo event</li> </ul>	Active, Connected & Sustainable	3a, 7a	N/A	MTAB, Planning
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Climate Resiliency Plan, Q4</b></p> <p>A high-level plan will be drafted in this first phase of research in assessing how Golden can prepare for future climate impacts.</p>	Active, Connected & Sustainable	N/A	N/A	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Recommend a citywide recycling ordinance for multi-family and commercial areas, Q4</b></p> <p>Following this main priority for the city's waste diversion goals, the Board will also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research Construction and Demolition programs</li> <li>• Review and evaluate special event and municipal waste diversion efforts</li> </ul>	<p>Active, Connected &amp; Sustainable</p> <p>Quality Services</p>	2a, 8a	N/A	Planning Commission
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Support and evaluate water conservation initiatives. Q3</b></p> <p>The Board will review and evaluate the new lawn replacement rebate program at the end of summer, support City water conservation initiatives and fund additional data collection.</p>	Active, Connected & Sustainable	9a	N/A	

**Recommendations for new board member appointments:** The terms of three CSAB seats are scheduled to end in spring 2024, so Council will be asked to appoint or reappoint residents to the three positions this spring.

**Any additional information:** The Board has several recurring items that are part of its work plan each year, including the annual Sustainability Awards, promoting the city's annual progress through sustainability metrics, and an annual review of upcoming municipal fleet electric vehicle purchases. The Board thanks Council for its consideration and looks forward to feedback on the draft work plan.