

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Regular Meeting February 12, 2026

The Environmental Advisory Board held a meeting on this date at 4:00 p.m. at 1004 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa, in which the following items were discussed:

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>	<u>GUESTS /PUBLIC</u>
Sam Dailey	Drew Parvu – excused	Estefani Valdez	
Grace Perrin			
Sarah Nelson			
Alex Johnson			
Corinne Erickson			
Bob Fritzmeier			

CALL TO ORDER

The Environmental Advisory Board was called to order by Grace Perrin at 4:05 p.m. Meeting minutes from October 9, 2025, December 11, 2025, and January 8, 2026, were approved with a motion by Grace Perrin and seconded by Alex Johnson.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Old Business

Spring Events – The Multicultural Fair will take place on March 29th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Convention Center. Sam, Grace, and Alex will be present at this event. Estefani will take care of the sign up.

Litter Dash will be on April 17th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch will take place at Cone Park this year. In case of inclement weather, litter can be collected the following Friday, April 24th.

The ReEvent will be on Saturday, April 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This is a mandatory event, and everyone should be present by 8:30 a.m. to set up.

EcoFest – EcoFest will take place on March 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Winnies/Hardline. We have a few groups signed up already and we’re working on reaching out to more. Goodwill has also expressed interest in participating. Sam is looking for someone to host a class at noon, and we will have live music during the event as well. We will need volunteers to assist vendors during the event and with cleaning up afterwards. Drew is working on the poster, and Sarah will post it to social media to start spreading the word. It would also be a good idea to bring the button-making machine to have on our table.

New Business

Adopt A Street Program Updates – Environmental Services will now manage the Adopt A Street Program. The current list and city website have been updated to reflect this change. Arah asked the Signs and Signals Department to remove any outdated signs. Anyone wanting to sign up for this program can fill out the form on the city website, Arah or Estefani will then arrange supply pick up and will also contact the Signs and Signals Department to put the sign up. So far, we’ve had a couple new signups.

Announcements

Battery Recycling Container – The battery recycling container is ordered and will be here in approximately five weeks. Once we receive the container, Arah will have the stickers produced and the container will be located at City Hall. This will be used to recycle batteries, small electronics, cords, tablets, and laptops.

Grace would like to schedule a litter pick up in May in the Transit Avenue area. Sarah thinks we can also partner with another organization like the Sierra Club.

The group would like to design new T-shirts for the EAB to wear.

Discussed sticker designs that were brought up during a past meeting.

Discussed the use of Styrofoam. Sam and Dave are open to buying biodegradable material containers and selling them to businesses at cost until the business decides to purchase directly from the vendor. Sam will email a link about this.

Sam and Arah were featured on Goodwill's new podcast called Sustainable Steps. They were the first guests on the podcast and had a great conversation with Jake and Tami. They talked about what the EAB does, discussed tips to reduce overwhelm, talked about the importance of using reusable water bottles and bags, and shared upcoming events. The podcast episode can be found on Spotify. They were also given a tour of the new building. Tami and Jake shared that Goodwill collects plastic bags to make benches. One bench takes about 10,000 bags. They also mentioned that they are looking for music and art teachers to volunteer to teach classes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. with a motion by Grace Perrin and seconded by Sarah Nelson, all voting aye.

Recorded by Estefani Valdez