

# City Council

## Special Meeting Agenda

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**  
**Library Meeting Room**  
**951 Spruce Street**  
**6:00 PM**

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

### **2. RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE AND 2024 WORK PLAN**

- Presentation
- Public Comments (Please limit to three minutes each)
- Council Discussion
- Action

### **3. SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE AND 2024 WORK PLAN**

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**SUBJECT: RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE & 2024 WORK PLAN**

**DATE: MARCH 12, 2024**

**PRESENTED BY: LISA NORGDARD, RAB PRESIDENT**

**1. HIGHLIGHTS AND SUCCESSES OF THE PAST YEAR FOR THE BOARD:**

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- Working closely as a board and with staff to provide a work plan for City Council consideration in December 2022. Highlighting RAB's priorities.
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- Add new wind/sunscreens to the Centennial tennis courts.
- Resurfacing & Improvements to the Mission Green tennis court.

**2. 2024 BOARD WORK PLAN:**

The 2024 RAB work plan is attached for review and discussion.

**3. ARE THERE AREAS IN WHICH THE BOARD WOULD LIKE CITY COUNCIL INPUT/FEEDBACK?**

Are there any outdoor recreation amenities that council would like RAB to focus on in 2024?

**4. WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL?**

Council priorities with respect to recreation facilities.

What does City Council view the role of RAB to be?

What the next steps to determine funding for a new clubhouse?

How will RAB give advice to City Council on an ongoing basis?

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. 2024 RAB Work Plan
2. Winter Recreation and Senior Services Catalog program catalog can be viewed here: [View Winter Catalog](#)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Discussion and approval of annual work plan.

# Memorandum

To: Louisville City Council  
 From: Recreation and Golf Advisory Board  
 Date: March 12, 2024  
 Re: 2024 City Council Work Plan

The Recreation and Golf Board’s recommendations to City Council come with much thought to enhance our community amenities, to safeguard our city assets, support a healthy mind, body and a healthy community. The recommendations align with the City strategic plan. There has been much collaboration and work done to establish this input to give to city council and the board appreciates this opportunity to give input. The RAB board met as a whole to discuss goals, individual board members gave input, an Outdoor Recreation Amenities subcommittee was formed in conjunction with the Parks and Public Landscape board and input was solicited from the Youth Advisory Board. We are dedicated to the success of each of our recommendations and look forward to working with staff to achieve these goals as recommended. These recommendations also have the support and approval of the Outdoor Recreation Amenities subcommittee.

The RAB/PPLAB top four priorities are highlighted in yellow.

Outdoor Recreation	RAB/PPLAB Recommendations
<p><b>Tennis Courts</b></p> <p>Support Council priorities to allocate operating funds for ongoing maintenance and repairs for our tennis courts.</p>	<p><b>Centennial Courts –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renovate and reconstruct the two east courts.</li> <li>• Add a fifth tennis court adjacent to the existing court. This will enhance the ability to have more league play in our community.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Pickleball Courts</b></p> <p>Expedite the construction for a pickleball facility and support the master planning and identification of a location and funding for outdoor recreation amenities.</p>	<p>Address the community interest in this growing sport.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider the land between the Rec Center and police department as a location to build a dedicated outdoor pickleball facility or discuss an alternate location within the city.</li> <li>• Assess current usage for all outdoor recreation amenities for Community Park.</li> <li>• Repurpose the inline skate rink for dedicated pickleball use.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Coal Creek Golf Course</b></p> <p>Continue with the process and work that has been completed with the feasibility study and evaluate funding options for moving forward with the recommended improvements.</p>	<p>Continue to support the golf course's ability to serve the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build a new clubhouse as the current one is in disrepair, is inadequate and energy inefficient.</li> <li>• Build a combined bathroom and a golfer safety shelter facility on the front nine. A location was identified in the flood rebuild between holes two and four.</li> <li>• Upgrade the practice facility due to increased usage, including the chipping green, putting green and punchbowl green.</li> <li>• Produce parking lot improvement in conjunction with a new clubhouse building.</li> <li>• Upgrade the Maintenance building updates &amp; infrastructure around the building to current City standards.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Soccer/Multi-Purpose Fields</b></p> <p>Support master planning to identify land and allocation for the purpose of soccer and multi-purpose fields in the city.</p>	<p>Consider addressing a long time need of our community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify land for the purpose of soccer and multi-purpose fields.</li> <li>• Consider building a facility to meet these needs.</li> <li>• Consider artificial turf to meet the demands for year-round use.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sports Complex</b></p> <p>Continue to work in conjunction with our partners for the parking lot improvements and funding.</p>	<p>Address the need for a new parking lot at this City facility along with new bathrooms, concession stand &amp; transitioning from grass to turf fields.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider improvements to the Sports Complex parking lot.</li> <li>• Consider transitioning from grass to turf fields.</li> <li>• Rebuild bathrooms.</li> <li>• Build a permanent concession stand.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Maintenance Projects</b></p> <p>Continue support of operational budget funds for maintenance.</p>	<p><b>Centennial Tennis Courts</b> – Repair fencing surrounding the courts.  <b>Pirate Park Tennis Courts</b> – Regular maintenance is needed.  <b>Community Park</b> – Update basketball back boards to a higher quality regulation size and provide new nets.  <b>Miners Field</b> – Install a safety net to prevent foul balls from hitting cars on HWY 42.</p>

*Requests are in no order of priority.*

## **Planning Process (Draft) RAB/PPLB Recommendations**

### **1. Define and Quantify the Program Elements**

- Tennis Courts
- Pickleball Courts
- Outdoor Multipurpose Fields
- Golf Clubhouse and Course Improvements
- Others?

### **2. Determine Potential Sites**

- Current Park Space
- Current City-Owned Undeveloped Space
- Land Acquisitions
  - Developer Contributions
  - Purchases
  - Joint Ventures with Other Municipalities

### **3. Determine Magnitude of Costs for Improvements**

- Planning and Design Fees
- Administration and Management Fees
- Site Development Costs
- Facilities Construction Costs (Buildings, Courts, Fields)
- Maintenance Costs

### **4. Explore and Determine Financing Options**

- Grants
- Contributions from Developers
- Bonding
  - Property Tax Incremental Increase
  - Sales Tax Incremental Increase
- Joint Ventures with Other Municipalities
- Other?

### **5. Garner Community Input and Support from Constituents and Stakeholders**

- Identify Stakeholders
- Hold Public Workshops
- Distribute Newsletters and Flyers
- Others?



## Recreation Advisory Board 2024 Work Plan March 12, 2024

Board Members

Lisa Norgard – Chair, Michele Van Pelt- Vice Chair, Mary O'Brien – Secretary, Gene Kutscher, Dick Friedson, Angelique Layton & Douglas Minter



## Highlights and Successes for this Board

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## RAB's Highest Priorities

### Coal Creek Golf Course-

- Build a new clubhouse as the current one is in disrepair and is inadequate.
- In accordance with the recommendations made by the ZDesign Group, build a new clubhouse at CCGC to better meet the needs of the golfing community, contribute to the future financial viability of CCGC and replace the current highly energy inefficient facility.

### Pickleball Courts-

- Expedite the construction for a pickleball facility and support the master planning & identification of a location and funding for a court.
- Support the planning and development of an outdoor pickleball facility to meet the growing demand in the community.

### Tennis Courts-

- Renovate and reconstruct the two east courts at the Centennial tennis courts.
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2/23/2024

## Recreational City Assets

Recreation & Senior Center  
Coal Creek Golf Course  
Memory Square Pool  
Centennial Tennis Courts(4)  
Mission Green Tennis Court  
Pirate Park Tennis Court(2)  
Inline Skating Rink  
Sports Complex(4 fields)

Miners Baseball Park(1 ballfield)  
Lawrence Enrietto Park(1ballfield)  
Heritage Park(1 field, 1 basketball court)  
Meadows Park Disc Golf  
Cleo Mudrock Park(2 ballfields)  
Memory Square Park(Bocce and Horseshoe pit)



2/23/2024

# Recreation & Senior Center

## Recreation Center

- Completed a \$28.6 million dollar expansion renovation in 2019.
- Provides daily use for the community. With 392,350 paid visits in 2023.
- Extensive programming in Aquatics, Fitness & Wellness. Offering over 120 drop in fitness classes per week.
- Provides programming for many youth sports and activities.
- Provide a state licensed pre-school and summer day camp.
- Special Events

## Senior Center

- Provides a gathering spot for our senior community.
- Drop-in and Organized Programming
- Offers many amenities-
  - Day Trips
  - Special Events & Programs
  - Classes and Seminars
  - Daily congregate mealsite

# Coal Creek Golf Course

- Is a nationally recognized award-winning golf course.
- Reopened in 2015 upon completion of renovation due to the 2013 flood with 18 holes of golf, 9 holes of golf and a 5-hole option.
- Completed 70% of the Audubon Certified Wildlife Sanctuary accreditation.
- Produces over 42,000 golf starts and another 5,000 individual range uses.
- Produces the largest junior programming in the state of Colorado.

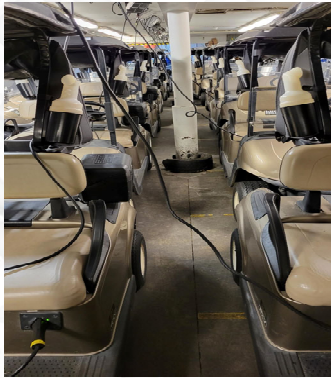
## Critical Recommendation-

- The current clubhouse is currently outdated for the enhanced business and at the end of its functionality per the feasibility study completed by Zdesign/NGF Consultants.
- The clubhouse is currently the most energy inefficient in the City.
- City Staff has done a phenomenal job operating within a clubhouse design that is no longer functional. It is time to move forward with a more efficient building with adequate spaces for critical golf assets (golf carts, range), for staff, and additional revenue sources that we are simply unable to explore.



# CCGC Club House

## Golf Cart Storage



## Facility Issues:

- Holes in ceiling due to leaking pipes.
- Open fencing in windows.
- Storing 65 carts in a space meant for 40.
- Water damage

# CCGC Club House

## Cart Barn Ceiling



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## Memory Square

- A new bathhouse and splash pool were constructed in 2018 as part of the \$28.6 bond.
- Community Park Space with Playground and Pavilion
- 6 Lane 25-meter swimming pool, wading pool & bathhouse.
- Home to competitive swim events, fitness programming, home of the Dolphins Swim team.
- Recreational drop-in swim times for citizens.
- Facility Rental Revenue.

## Areas in Which the Board Would like City Council Input/Feedback

- Council priorities with respect to outdoor recreation amenities as identified on Council work plan?
- What does Council view the role of RAB to be?
- How will RAB give advice to Council on an ongoing basis and how will the board receive feedback?
- What are the next steps to determine funding for a new clubhouse?

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WORK PLAN**

**DATE: MARCH 12, 2024**

**PRESENTED BY: TODD BUDIN, BOARD CHAIR  
KAYLA BETZOLD, SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER**

**1. HIGHLIGHTS AND SUCCESSES OF THE PAST YEAR FOR THE BOARD:**

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**2. 2024 BOARD WORK PLAN:**

LSAB role:

*Advise & Recommend*

- Provide feedback to staff regarding programs, projects, etc.
- Sustainability budget recommendations
- Council work plan recommendations
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- Vetting ideas through cost/benefit analysis, alignment with City plans, equity lens, etc.
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2024 LSAB priority items include:

- Community Decarbonization Plan
- Internal Decarbonization Plan
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- Sustainability division budget recommendations
- City Plan alignment and recommendations
- City Council 2025 Work Plan & Sustainability Division/LSAB Work Plan recommendations
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For more detailed information, please see attachment #1.

**3. ARE THERE AREAS IN WHICH THE BOARD WOULD LIKE CITY COUNCIL INPUT/FEEDBACK?**

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**4. WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL?**

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- LSAB sees an opportunity with the Comprehensive Planning process to incorporate more sustainability components – does Council see this same opportunity?

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. 2024 LSAB Work Plan
2. Presentation Slides

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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# LOUISVILLE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD

## 2024 WORK PLAN

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### 2024 Priority Items

#### 1. Community Decarbonization Plan implementation

- Residential Engagement
  - Program branding, outreach and communications, website development, resource guides
  - Home Electrification Workshop Series
  - Rebates/incentives
- Mobile Home and Renter Engagement
- Commercial Research (student research)
- Commercial Advisement (PACE)

*LSAB Role: Assist with branding, outreach and communications for residential and commercial programs and incentives, provide residential workshop recommendations (content, partners), provide resources and feedback for Community Decarbonization website and collateral*

#### 2. Internal Decarbonization Plan implementation

- Scope finalization
- Grant writing and management
- Project management



*LSAB Role: Discuss project updates, provide regular feedback to City Council through memos*

**3. Bag tax funded commercial and residential sustainability programs implementation**

- Program/event coordination & management, alignment with Community Decarbonization Plan
- Program review and analysis

*LSAB Role: Community program recommendations, programs/events outreach and engagement, volunteer recruitment, event support*

**4. Coordinate Sustainability Division events**

- Home Electrification Workshop Series (May – Nov)
- Spring Cleaning Event (April)
- Farmers Market/tabling opportunities (June - September)
- Labor Day parade/festival (September)
- Ecotoberfest (October)

*LSAB Role: Event recommendations, event outreach and engagement, volunteer recruitment, event support*

**5. Coordinate regular sustainability communications**

- Create content for Sustainability Spotlight (bi-monthly)
  - Staff writes in Jan, March, May, July, September, November
  - LSAB writes Feb, April, June, August, October, December
- Monthly e-newsletter
- Quarterly print newspaper
- Regular utility bill inserts
- Regular social media posts
- Other communications (postcards/yard signs) as needed

*LSAB Role: Research Sustainability Spotlight topic, write content, provide content to Manager for publication, provide recommendations to staff regarding outreach and communications strategies and ideas*

**6. 2025/2026 Sustainability Division budget recommendations**

- Provide recommendations for operating budget requests
- Work with staff to finalize 2025/2026 operating budget

*LSAB Role: Recommend items to be included in Sustainability operating budget (April)*

**7. City Plan alignment and recommendations**

- Engagement with City's Comprehensive Plan project
- Provide recommendations to staff that enhance sustainability initiatives/outcomes during City Plan development processes

*LSAB Role: Engage with Comprehensive Plan presentations and provide feedback to staff, attend and participate in Comprehensive Plan engagement opportunities as available, share information about Comprehensive Plan with individual networks, provide recommendations about other City planning processes as they arise*

**8. City Council 2025 Work Plan & Sustainability Division/LSAB 2025 Work Plan**

**Recommendations**

- Provide recommendations for Council, Sustainability Division and LSAB work plans to staff
- Draft and send memo to Council with work plan recommendations
- Draft and publish Sustainability division/LSAB 2025 work plans based on feedback

*LSAB Role: Recommend items to be considered for City Council 2025 Work Plan (May) and recommend items to be considered for 2025 Sustainability Division Work Plan (November)*

**9. Research and analysis for new potential sustainability initiatives (As Needed)**

- Alignment with Sustainability Action Plan and Climate Action Goals
- Cost/benefit analysis
- GHG reduction potential
- Equity evaluation in support of City’s EDI goals

*LSAB Role: Conduct research and analysis, present results to Manager and board, as needed*

**10. Exploring funding sources/grants & identifying uses in alignment with Sustainability Action Plan, Climate Action Goals, Internal Decarbonization Plan, Community Decarbonization Plan (As Needed)**

*LSAB Role: Conduct research and analysis, present results to Manager and board, as needed*

2024 Meeting Outlines

<b>Month</b>	<b>Focus</b>	<b>Lead/Partners/Notes</b>
January	- Welcome new member(s) - Comprehensive Plan - Discussion/approval of 2024 LSAB work plan - Sustainability Spotlight writers - Officer Election (Chair, Vice Chair)	-Jeff Hirt, Planning Manager
February	- Youth Advisory Board collaborative project - Community Decarbonization Plan, Home Electrification Workshop Series Goals (themes, partners), Discuss/approve CDP memo - Solid Waste RFP – sustainability components - Council Feedback – LSAB Work Plan	-Partners in Energy -Youth Advisory Board chair
March	- Residential/Neighborhood Engagement Strategy	- Grace Johnson, Communications Manager and Samma Fox, Deputy City Manager

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- City engagement strategy (neighborhood liaisons)</li> <li>- Neighborhood sustainability program research</li> <li>- Sustainable Neighborhood Network</li> <li>- Energy code amendments</li> <li>- Potential new memo: Front Range Passenger Rail</li> </ul>	<p>-Hannah Miller, Sustainability Specialist</p> <p>-Jonathan Wachtel, Board Chair, Sustainable Neighborhood Network</p>
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2025/2026 Sustainability Division budget recommendations</li> <li>- Bag tax community programs overview and feedback, potential new program ideas</li> <li>- Internal Decarbonization Plan</li> </ul>	- Hannah Miller, Sustainability Specialist
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council 2025 Work Plan priorities</li> <li>- City’s Property Improvement Programs</li> </ul>	-Austin Brown, Economic Vitality Specialist
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Commercial Decarbonization Strategy (research and advising)</li> <li>-LSAB sub-committees discussion</li> </ul>	Jenn Dingman, PACE fellow
July	-LSAB By-laws Discussion and Update	
August	TBD	
September	- Annual Sustainability Update	
October	- Climate Action Plan feedback	Hannah Miller, Sustainability Specialist
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2025 LSAB work plan discussion</li> <li>-Comprehensive Plan</li> </ul>	Jeff Hirt, Planning Manager
December	- Lafayette, Louisville, Superior collaboration	

**Additional Focus Items**

- Council Work Plan Items
  - LSAB work plan may change if sustainability items are added to Council’s work plan
- City Programs/Projects/Plans Alignment
  - LSAB work plan may change if there is a need for sustainability feedback/advising in regards to other City programs, projects and plans

**Additional Information**

If a board member would like an item added to the 2024 Work Plan or discussed in a monthly meeting, the board member will email the Chair and Sustainability Manager directly with the request. After evaluation and approval, the work plan will be modified to accommodate the new item, without impacting existing meeting schedule and priority items.

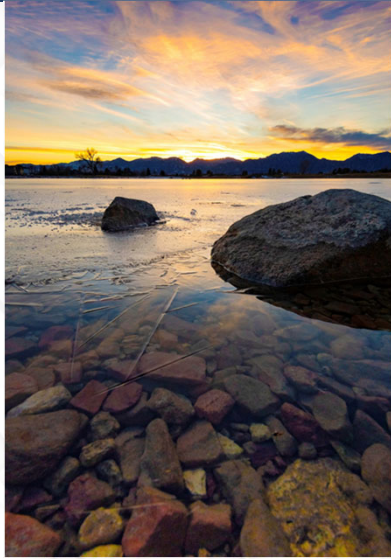
There may be needs for project-specific support in 2023. Staff will communicate these needs to the board as they arise.

Commercial program outreach and engagement needs

- a. Green Business Program
- b. PACE programs, rebates and incentives
- c. Xcel Energy programming
- d. Additional incentives

Residential program outreach and engagement needs

- e. EnergySmart programs
- f. Xcel Energy programs
- g. City EE/electrification rebates
- h. Additional incentives



## **Louisville Sustainability Advisory Board 2024 Work Plan**

March 2024

Todd Budin, LSAB Chair  
Kayla Betzold, Sustainability Manager



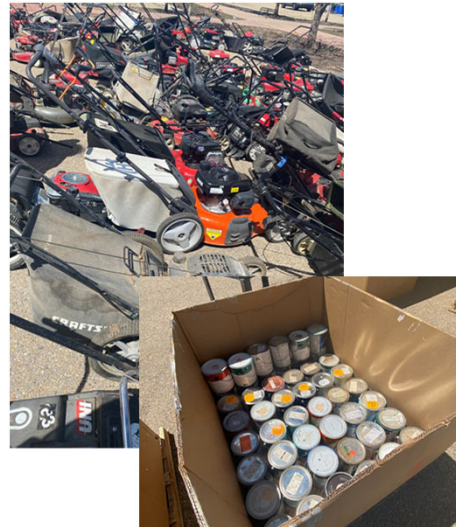
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## LSAB Work Plan - City Council Feedback

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**Thank you**

