

Sustainability Commission Minutes

Monday, April 1, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Mission City Hall

In attendance: John Arnett, Terri Baugh, David Greenlee, Andy Hyland, Hannah McFarland, Sean Partain, Alexis Penny, Josh Thede, Manny Trillo

Staff present: Emily Randel

Guest present: Lynn Bain

I. Welcome and Introductions

Josh Thede welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Approval of the March 4, 2019 minutes

Manny Trillo moved to approve the minutes. John Arnett seconded the motion.

III. Old Business

A. Earth Hour Debrief

Earth Hour was held at Broadmoor Park on Saturday, March 30, 8:15-9:30 p.m. Eight people attended in addition to the Sustainability Commission members and City staff. The event was viewed as successful, even if small in scale, and a good networking opportunity and a chance for promotion in the public and online, etc. The s'mores materials and charcoal cost \$18.19. The Facebook ad boost appears to have been for \$24.39 instead of \$20 for the length of the ad, but Emily will confirm. Emily Randel shared the Facebook ad impressions with the group, and also added that the event was promoted through the Mission Monthly and on the City website, and through the Shawnee Mission Post. The comment was made that attendance from elected officials would have been appreciated.

Note for 2020: A request for Reese's Peanut Butter Cups and dark chocolate for the s'mores.

B. Report from Recycling Sub-Committee

The sub-committee met on March 30. The group is interested in printing stickers for rollcarts, and printing fliers for the #DitchtheBag campaign. The group has met twice and reviewed Waste Management #DitchtheBag ads. Alexis Penny proposed a design for the stickers for the recycling containers. Terri Baugh has a quote from Moss Printing for UV proof stickers. A two-sided flier will be produced for Bunny Eggstravaganza, and there will be a spin game and candy as well. The committee is approaching local businesses for prizes for the prize game. A thank you poster will be on display to mention sponsors. Terri Baugh and John Blessing have been in contact about receiving funds from Waste Management for this effort.

Josh Thede received an email from Jason Hans to notify them that they have requested a recycling container to serve Mission Board Games, Urban Prairie Coffee and Sandhills Brewing Company.

C. Report from Better Blocks Sub-Committee

The group met for the first time on Monday, March 25. The members participating are Josh Thede, Andy Hyland, Manny Trillo. The group reviewed the concepts, and identified partners. The group will meet again the last Monday in April at 6:30 p.m.

D. Report from Communities for All Ages Sub-Committee

Alexis Penny shared that the sub-committee met including Alexis, Manny, John, Sean. They went through the Checklist items and shared . Reviewing Bike Friendly and Walk Friendly certifications. Emily has the questions from the sub committee and will determine the best way to get responses with the most impact. Emily Randel shared that she shared the work with the joint cities CFAA committee. The work to repeat the assessment is appreciated and admired, and could be incorporated into the maintenance program more officially.

E. Energy Audit Research Update

Manny is working to connect with the contact from the Kansas Corporation Commission's Facility Conservation Improvement Program to speak at a future Sustainability Commission meeting.

Hannah and Josh will travel to the Impact Conference next week in Minneapolis.

Josh Thede spoke with two staff members from the City of Gladstone. LEDs have been highly effective and have been paid off. Josh Thede will be sharing the information from the meeting with staff.

F. City Council Worksession Update

The City Council worksession on March 27 covered a new policy outlining some of the duties of the City's appointed commissions and committees, and of the Council liaisons to those groups. The proposed policy is part of the worksession packet and available online for review. The Finance and Administration Committee will discuss the policy at their April 3 meeting for possible approval at the April 17 City Council meeting.

IV. New Business

A. Stormwater Community Engagement

Emily Randel will check back with more information on this item. The City could use some help in amplifying the messaging and education to the public about groundwater health. The Public Works completes the MPDS permit and that permit calls for some level of outreach and education to the public.

B. Follow-up on 2008 Greenhouse Gas Inventory and 2009 Climate Action Plan

Josh Thede shared charts from the 2008 Greenhouse Gas Inventory and the graph from the 2009 Climate Action Plan developed by the Sustainability Task Force. The Action Plan included a list of tasks to implement to achieve the goal of a 20% reduction by 2020. Josh would like to

do another inventory and update and refine the goals for the next ten years. The signing on to the Renewables Direct program will be a big step forward. The KCPL staff that attended the City Council meeting made themselves available to the Sustainability Commission if any of the members have questions about the program. An update to the inventory and plan could be done with a third party consultant again like Black and Veatch completed in the past. Regional discussions are also happening about updates of this kind that could be relevant or timely.

Josh Thede will be the spokesperson for the Sustainability Commission throughout the budget development process and will request funds for an updated inventory.

C. Overland Park Recycling Extravaganza April 27, 8:00 a.m.

The drop-off event still needs volunteers. It will be at the Johnson County Community College. Volunteers can sign up through the website. Andy Hyland will forward the website link.

D. Consideration of partnership: Climate Council of Greater Kansas City

Josh Thede shared the option to become a partner with the Climate Council of GKC. It is free to become a partner, but partners are required to send an email sharing membership, and share a logo. The group is a 501(c)3. The benefits of membership includes Mission events being promoted through their materials. Andy Hyland pointed out a concern about the loss of control of our messaging. Alexis Penny pointed that one of their partners is a political group, and that is a concern. The tone, approach, and philosophy may be different from the Mission Sustainability Commission. The group agreed to not join.

V. Standing Items

A. Review and update of goals tracking sheet

Emily Randel will share the goals tracking sheet. Alexis Penny pointed out that the chair of each sub-committee should feel tasked with providing updates to the tracking sheet.

B. Battery Recycling Update

Johnson County has referred the Sustainability Commission to Battery Solutions. Terri Baugh has completed the research of the program and provided a summary to the group. The group further discussed the potential of switching the battery recycling program to using the Johnson County Household Hazardous Waste services. There is a \$200 set-up fee, but the price per pound is much lower than the Big Green Box program, and even lower if the City can facilitate storing the batteries in five gallon drums for pick-up. Terri Baugh is still gathering more information.

Emily Randel provided an update that 1,851 pounds of batteries have been diverted from the landfill since the program began in 2016. There are three empty boxes remaining since the purchase in December.

C. Budget Review

Purchase	Cost	Month Reported
USGBC Conference Registration (McFarland)	\$125	February
Sustainability Commission Tablecloth	\$277.85	April
HyVee S'mores for Earth Hour	\$18.19	April
Facebook Ad for Earth Hour	\$24.39	April
TOTAL SPENT: \$445.43 TOTAL REMAINING: \$4,554.57		

Emily Randel proposed the purchase of a compost bin for The Mission Project. The City's Green Team would like to begin composting kitchen scraps and coffee grounds from City Hall and Police Department. The City approached The Mission Project to see if they would like to accept the food waste at the community garden on Outlook Street. The Mission Project is interested. Emily Randel described the benefit of the idea in greater interaction with participants in The Mission Project. Participants would volunteer to pick up the scraps from City Hall, and build new relationships with staff. There was quite a bit of discussion about the appropriateness of the Sustainability Commission funding the purchase of the bin. Initially, the bin would not be advertised to the larger community. Emily Randel shared that the City would be happy to pay for the bin out of funds other than the Sustainability Commission budget, if that is what the group preferred.

Andy Hyland moved the purchase of the compost bin for \$169 plus shipping. Terri Baugh seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-4 vote.

Alexis Penny proposed funding registrations for up to five people to attend the Mid-America Regional Council Age Positive on May 8.

Terri Baugh proposed funding up to \$25 for candy for Bunny Eggstravaganza.

Andy Hyland moved the purchase of registration of up to \$200 for Age Positive Conference and up to \$25 for candy for the Bunny Eggstravaganza. Alexis Penny seconded the motion. The motion carries.

D. Adopt-a-Street Program

Terri Baugh will coordinate the group's next clean-up along the new section of Shawnee Mission Parkway on May 4 at 9 a.m.

E. CIP Committee Report

Emily Randel shared an update from the March 11 Capital Improvement Program Committee meeting. The group reviewed a few ongoing street and stormwater projects. The group also participated in discussion led by two KU students who are leading a class project this semester. The students are focusing on the future design of Johnson Drive between Lamar and Metcalf Avenues. The CIP Committee will be hearing more of the proposed projects in streets, stormwater and parks and recreation and will make a recommendation for the 2020-2024 CIP to the City Council.

F. Regional Collaboration

Andy Hyland shared that a group email has been created among the members of the Sustainability Commissions and Committees that attended the joint meeting earlier this year. JoCo Environment email and Facebook group.

Through the JoCo Environment Facebook Group, Andy Hyland learned that the Overland Park City Council will consider a policy regarding the multi-family recycling pilot program. And they will also be considering that all new City facilities will be silver LEED.

Josh Thede will address the Ashbury United Methodist Church at Lynn Bain's request on April 16. The group approved his presentation.

VI. Reminders and Announcements

First Suburbs Coalition meeting in Gladstone on April 19.

Terri Baugh coordinated volunteers for Bunny Eggstravaganza on April 20.

Manny Trillo shared that AARP is holding a shredding event on April 13 9-noon at Holbrook Country Club.

Earth Day is April 22. Mission Board Games and Urban Prairie Coffee is promoting Earth Day by giving free coffee to those who bring their own mug. Customers will be invited to play board games focused on the Earth.

VII. Review of Action Items

VIII. Adjourn

Andy Hyland moved to adjourn the meeting. Hannah McFarland seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission will be on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Mission City Hall.