

Sustainability Commission Minutes

Monday, August 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Mission City Hall

In attendance: John Arnett, Terri Baugh, David Greenlee, Andy Hyland, Hannah McFarland, Sean Partain, Zora Stewart-Jones, Josh Thede

Council Liaisons present: Councilmember Sollie Flora, Debbie Kring

Staff present: Emily Randel

I. Welcome and introductions

Josh Thede welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Presentation “Communicating about Sustainability Issues” - Andy Hyland

Andy Hyland presented a brief slide presentation with information on effective communication when discussing sustainability issues.

III. Approval of the July 1, 2019 meeting minutes

John Arnett moved to approve the meeting minutes with recommended corrections. Andy Hyland seconded the motion. The motion passed.

IV. Old Business

○ July event participation

■ Recycling Table at Mission Market July 25 and August 29

John Arnett dropped off the materials at the tent and was immediately engaged by market visitors with questions. David Greenlee took the first full shift. Volunteers will be coordinated for the August 29 market.

■ Mission Summer Family Picnic Recap (July 6)

John Arnett thanked Councilmember Kring and Alexis Penny for bringing treats. The candy was an effective ice breaker. The event was successful and there were lots of opportunities for engagement.

○ First Suburbs Coalition Housing Summit Recap (July 19)

The First Suburbs Coalition meeting in July will be the Regional Housing Summit at the Gladstone Community Center from 8:30-3:00 p.m. This event was part of the National League of Cities Economic Development Pilot Program. Councilmembers Flora and Kring attended the summit and provided a review. There was coverage of workforce housing and low income housing. In Mission, high levels of occupancy is a key challenge. There is low incentive on the part of property owners to make changes to existing housing. Future solutions will include regional ideas about housing inventory. The attendees also discussed reevaluating existing assistance programs with utility fees and home improvement. Shared understanding and shared communication will be key pieces to the solution.

○ Battery recycling update and total weight announcement

Emily will post to social media and update the Sustainability Commission webpage. A notice will go in the next Mission Magazine newsletter.

- New proposed battery recycling process

Superintendent Brent Morton met with Terri Baugh. Public Works staff is willing to pick up the batteries when they collect recycling from City Hall. The Sustainability Commission will purchase two 55-gallon drums, 2 55-lb box for lithiums and shipping and handling, as well as 2 5-gallon and 2 2-gallon pails purchased locally. Battery Solutions is the company offering the service. \$489 for the expense. Andy Hyland moved to purchase the bins. Terri Baugh seconded the motion. John Arnett confirmed that the group can switch providers or end the program at any time by just shipping what is collected. The future costs of shipping the full drums of batteries is still unknown. The motion passed.

- Sustainability Commission Retreat

Josh still needs to send out weeknight retreat date options. Councilmember Flora suggested that it would be helpful to have information about goals from the Sustainability Commission by December before the Council retreat.

V. New Business

- Pedestrian Counts

Sean Partain is willing to coordinate volunteers for pedestrian counts in September. Members should reach out to Sean Partain if interested in volunteering.

- Sunflower Festival Parade

The Sustainability Commission is interested in participating in a Ditch the Bag float in October 12, 2019.

- Consideration of reimbursement for conference/education registrations.

Reimbursements should be considered on a case by case basis. John Arnett moved that Sustainability Commission sponsor Terri Baugh and Manny Trillo to attend the Climate Action Summit at \$50 per person. Andy Hyland seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) - Manny Trillo had sent an article on U.S. Cities targeting clean energy goals. The discussion was tabled until Mr. Trillo is in attendance.

- Recycling Committee

Terri Baugh shared that Missouri Organics Stan Slaughter has agreed to present a class on residential composting. The group selected Tuesday, September 24. The group can discuss the costs of meeting refreshments and possibly the cost of an Earth Machine to give away as a door prize at the September meeting. David Greenlee moves that we host a composting class in September and Andy Hyland seconded the motion. The motion passes.

VI. Reminders and announcements

- Hannah McFarland shared that she will be stepping down from the Sustainability Commission.
- Josh Thede completed the Confident City Cycling program offered by BikeWalkKC at the Central Library.

*** Manny Trillo entered the meeting ***

VII. Review of action items

VIII. Adjourn

Manny Trillo moved to adjourn the meeting. Andy Hyland seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission will be on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Mission City Hall.