

Sustainability Commission Minutes

Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Mission City Hall

In attendance: Terri Baugh, David Greenlee, Andy Hyland, Sean Partain, Alexis Penny, Zora Stewart-Jones, Josh Thede, Manny Trillo

Council Liaisons present: Councilmember Sollie Flora, Councilmember Debbie Kring

Guests: Trent Boultinghouse

Staff present: Emily Randel

I. Welcome and introductions

Josh Thede welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Approval of the August 5, 2019 meeting minutes - 5 minutes

Andy Hyland moved to approve the August 6, 2019 meeting minutes. David Greenlee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. Old Business

- Recap Mission Market Recycling Table (August 29) - 5 minutes

Andy Hyland staffed the Sustainability Commission table at the August 29 market. He continues to feel that the interactions he has when staffing these events are valuable, and he is always able to share at least one piece of information that someone didn't already know. Emily Randel shared that from the market's perspective, it is preferred that the table be staffed during the entire market, from 4:30-8:00 p.m. It would be interesting to organize a "Sustainability Night at the Market" in 2020 to allow for more thorough promotion and attraction beyond just the table.

- MKCCAC Climate Action Summit (September 14) - 5 minutes

Attending the summit will be Councilmember Flora, Josh Thede, Andy Hyland, Alexis Penny, Emily Randel, Manny Trillo, and Terri Baugh. The Sustainability Commission agreed to support registration for two members to attend, the other members have purchased their own tickets. Councilmember Flora and Emily Randel's registration will be paid by the City. Councilmember Flora shared that both Representative Davids and Representative Cleaver are now confirmed and will provide a federal update. The morning session has a long waiting list for registration, but the afternoon session beginning at 2:15 p.m. is open to the public and still has availability. Once the full program is available, Emily will coordinate to diversify attendance at the different breakout sessions. All attending will take notes to report back to the group.

IV. Knowledge Share "Battery Diversion and Recycling"- Zora Stewart Jones - 15 min

Zora Stewart-Jones presented a brief presentation to the group about battery recycling, including her experiences traveling abroad where recycling programs have higher levels of participation. Zora will forward her slide presentation to the group.

*** Zora Stewart-Jones left the meeting. ***

Old Business Continued

- Compost Education Event (September 24) - 10 minutes

Terri Baugh shared that the event has been shared to sustainability partners in neighboring cities, is posted on the Shawnee Mission Post calendar, and there is a Facebook event page. Those interested in attending may either let Terri know or respond via the Facebook event page. Andy Hyland moved to spend up to \$30 to purchase cookies for the event. Terri Baugh seconded the motion. The motion passed. Emily Randel will bring a City of Mission water bottle to give away as a door prize. Alexis Penny will staff the sign-in table. Josh Thede asked that Terri Baugh review the content of the presentation with Stan Slaughter. He is interested to know whether the presentation will cover alternatives to single family home composting.

- New Battery Process - 10 minutes

Terri Baugh and Emily Randel purchased four 2-gallon buckets to transport the batteries in the new program. There are also smaller containers for sorting the lithium batteries. Alexis Penny is designing signage for the containers. This will be designed in a way that it can be transferred between buckets as they are rotated through the process. The group discussed accepting large amounts of batteries, especially from commercial users. The recycling sub-committee will finalize the signage and create a handout of alternative recycling resources for those interested in diverting batteries from commercial use. As the Mission program expands, there is an opportunity to educate neighboring communities about the demand for the program. Alexis Penny stated that the program has been sustainable and is something that could be duplicated in other cities. There was some discussion about sorting batteries at another time, because some members are not available to help immediately before the meetings. Some members prefer the existing time for sorting. The issue was not resolved. An additional meeting for sorting batteries will be set before the October 7 meeting due to the large number of batteries currently needing to be sorted.

*** Trent Boultinghouse left the meeting. ***

- Sunflower Festival October 12 - 5 minutes

The Sustainability Commission is interested in having a “Ditch the Bag” float in the Sunflower Festival parade. Alexis Penny will help organize the costumes and materials. Emily Randel shared the parade participation form via email with Alexis and Josh Thede. Candy in recyclable packaging (Nerds and Dots) will be purchased after the October 7 meeting.

- Sustainability Commission Retreat - 10 minutes

The retreat was set for Tuesday, October 22 at 5:30 p.m. Alexis Penny will call for information about meeting at the SMSD Center for Academic Achievement and the Johnson County Arts and Heritage Museum. She will share the results of those calls with the group who will then vote on retreat location via email.

V. New Business

- ACEEE clean energy article - Manny Trillo - 5 minutes

The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) posted an article about U.S. Cities and their efforts to move toward clean energy. The group discussed the article briefly. Information sharing between the group members is always encouraged.

- MARC Climate Fundamentals Academy - 5 minutes

Emily Randel will be attending the Climate Fundamentals Academy Series hosted by the Association of Climate Change Officers (ACCO) and the Mid-America Regional Council on October 22-23 and December 2-3. Emily will share information following each session.

- Metropolitan Energy Center Renter and Landlord Efficiency Summits - 5 minutes

Josh Thede will share information on two summits targeting landlords and renters respectively about what each group can do to improve energy efficiency in multi-family buildings. Emily Randel will share the opportunities with the property managers in Mission. Members of the group are encouraged to share the information through their personal networks.

- Mission Pedestrian Counts - 5 minutes

Sean Partain is coordinating volunteers to monitor key intersections in Mission in September. This is coordinated with other cities across the country who contribute the data to a national registry. Mission has done pedestrian counts in past years.

- Adopt-a-Street Program - 5 minutes

Terri Baugh will send a reminder to the whole group about cleaning litter from Shawnee Mission Parkway on Saturday, September 28 at 9 a.m.

VI. Reminders and announcements - 5 min

- Josh Thede announced BikeWalkKC's Safe Routes to Schools Summit on September 11. Councilmember Kring will reach out at the Caring for Kids meeting to see if the schools are planning to promote International Walk to School Day on October 2.

- Johnson County Commissioner Becky Fast has requested to speak at the October 7 Sustainability Commission meeting on the County's Solid Waste Management Plan.

- Councilmember Flora shared that Councilmember Hillary Parker-Thomas was interested to know whether the Sustainability Commission had ever focused on food issues. Councilmember Thomas may be interested in speaking with the group at a future meeting.

- Alexis Penny volunteered to speak on glass recycling to the group. Due to Commissioner Fast speaking in October, there will not be a Knowledge Share in October.

VII. Review of action items - 5 min

VIII. Adjourn

Terri Baugh moved to adjourn the meeting. Alexis Penny seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission will be on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Mission City Hall.