

MINUTES OF THE MISSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

October 24, 2013

The Mission Sustainability Commission met at the Sylvester Powell, Jr. Community Center, 6200 Martway, Tuesday, October 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Leslie Herring, Nicole Moran, Doug Blessing, Steve Helvey, Largo Callenbach

Commissioners Absent: Kate Fields, Doug Gregg, Rafael Duran, Manny Trillo

Staff present: Emily Randel

Approval of Minutes from September 24, 2013 Meeting

Ms. Herring moved and Mr. Blessing seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2013 meeting. The motion passed with no opposition.

Home Energy Fair Debrief

The commission discussed the Mission Home Energy Fair held on October 19, 2013. The event content was very good. People who came stayed a while, spending time at each booth. Staff gave out 60 bags, often just one bag to a family or couple, so a rough estimate is that 50 families attended.

Could get better attendance with activities for kids, fun, educational, and related to the topic
Get early involvement with neighboring city staff (have to be involved in planning to have buy-in)
Prairie Village has a fall event - work with them for something in the spring
Lowe's (maybe Home Depot too?) does workshops
Better in the spring when more people are thinking about their homes, yards, etc.
Should expect better attendance if we keep the event going over time - better recognition
Start a bit later - 9 instead of 8:30
Aerial Sumaya could be a popular draw

Sustainable Mission Bags

The bags turned out very well. Ms. Randel will send Barry Mayer's email address to the Commission for thank yous and referrals

Development Agreements

The commission considered the language in the Community Improvement District (CID) Policy in the Mission City Council Policy Manual to create suggestions for ways to strengthen the consideration of sustainable practices when considering CID petitions.

Questions - does "sustainable" only mean environmental in this context?

A possibility could be to expand section 2.b.iii, or add another bullet to section 2.a.

Could also add language to the application - describing sustainable aspects of the proposed development.

Would an in-person review before plan issuance be possible?

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The Commission would like additional information from building codes staff about the green aspects of the code - what control is in place there?

Informal presentation to Commission - requested, not required - would give an opportunity for better recognition for developers with great projects and could also allow a chance to convince developers of sustainability's payback

Could request that the project developer answers a series of questions

Perhaps a future meeting with Community Development staff - Emily will talk with Martin Rivarola

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Policy Document- for now, language okay as it stands
"environment" want to focus on application language for description of sustainable endeavors

Green Business Recognition Program

This item was tabled in the interest of time.

Budget Review

\$3,542.76 as of 10.24.13

\$560 due to KC Star for Home Energy Fair advertising

\$300 due to Rushton for Community Garden match - school funds are in place - KC Community Gardens has not been responsive - Leslie called today, left a message, will track in coming days and will communicate back between meetings

\$1,437 for 10 bike racks

Remainder unattributed: \$1,245.76

Ideas for spending the remainder:

Trailhead maps good idea, but too time consuming before the end of the year.

Vegetable planters outside stores along Johnson Dr.

Signs for J.Dr. businesses "open for business" way to suggest to them about prosperity

Advertisement in 913 section? Collaboration with Mission Merchants? Ideas for purchases...

Leslie will ask Sharon Miller and others. Can possibly establish a line of credit for ongoing ads

Roundtable:

Turkey Creek Clean-Up Nov. 2nd 9-11am

Reschedule November meeting - Tuesday - December 10th? Emily will send a Doodle poll with suggested dates. The Commission will have one meeting in the place of the normally scheduled November and December meetings.