

MINUTES OF THE MISSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION  
December 12, 2013

The Mission Sustainability Commission met at the Sylvester Powell, Jr. Community Center, 6200 Martway, Thursday, December 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

*Commissioners Present:* Rafael Duran, Leslie Herring, Nicole Moran, Doug Gregg, Steve Helvey, Manny Trillo

*Commissioners Absent:* Kate Fields, Doug Blessing, Largo Callenbach

*Staff present:* Emily Randel

**Approval of Minutes from October 24, 2013 Meeting**

Doug G. moved and Nicole seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2013 meeting. The motion passed with no opposition.

**Rushton Community Garden Update**

The garden is moving forward. Rushton PTA will be setting a date for construction in the spring. Payment of \$300 is moving forward from S.C. Volunteers will be needed to build the beds. Commissioners will be notified.

Doug Gregg - Highlands Elementary could also take advantage. Steve Helvey will call and see if they are interested in a similar collaboration.

Emily will send Steve what she can find about Rushton's grant award.

There could also be collaboration with Horizons High School's garden planter.

**Budget Recommendations, Thoughts for 2014**

Budget in 2013: \$7,500

Remainder unattributed: \$1,659.74

City has requested a hold on remaining funds for 2013 for all departments.

Talk of 2014: Where should the focus be in the new year?

A suggestion was made to put together a proposal for 2015 budget. What do other groups do in terms of asking for their budgets? Emily provide a report back to the group.

**Potential projects for 2014**

Community gardens coordination and support

Earth Day 2014 activities

Development agreements

Business Recognition Program (self-audit) (Lots of crossover opportunity with the Business Improvement Grant)

Business Support - outreach, Business Improvement Grant, ramping up sustainability components of the grant (Danielle Murray will present a draft of the new form 2014)

Community Center conservation/sustainability - energy audit

Lisa Hays - A Fresh Perspective, presentations, trainings for businesses or community at large

Emily, Leslie, Rafael will put out a draft of timeline for 2014 projects

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**Partner Agency Program Updates**

Creating Sustainable Places - The culminating presentation from the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) happened on December 6. Emily will send a link to the program's information to the Commission. <http://marc.org/Regional-Planning/Creating-Sustainable-Places>

MARC Principles Scoresheet

MARC has developed a set of sustainability principles by which communities can score themselves. The Commission suggested that they would like to test the perceptions of how well Mission is doing on these concepts. Emily will send the scoresheet to the Commissioners.

Low Impact Development

Emily attended a Low Impact Development for Local Governments and Designers Workshop on December 10, 2013. The event was sponsored by U.S. EPA Region 7 and the Johnson County Stormwater Management Program. It highlighted the best management practices for pervious pavement, rain gardens and other options for low impact design concepts for reducing demand on stormwater infrastructure.

**Earth Day/April 26, 2014 Events**

The City will again host a recycling drop-off event on Saturday, April 26. Mission is collaborating this year with other Northeast Johnson County cities, so they are expecting a larger crowd than in past years and will consider alternative locations to the Public Works location used in the past. (The parking lot north of the Community Center or the Shawnee Mission High School lot.) Payment requirements for the electronics drop-off will need to be well-publicized in advance. (Amounts and cash only requirements)

**Roundtable:**

The group again discussed how to reach residents and businesses efficiently. Emily will check on what is possible through the City's occupational license renewal notices. The Community Center also has an established email distribution list that could possibly be used on a case-by-case basis as determined appropriate.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Steve Helvey motioned and Rafael Duran seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30p.m.