

## MINUTES OF THE MISSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Monday, October 5, 2020 - 6:30 P.M.

Held virtually, via ZOOM

In attendance: John Arnett, Terri Baugh, Cathy Boyer-Shesol, David Greenlee, Andy Hyland, Sean Partain, Josh Thede

Council Liaison present: Councilmember Sollie Flora

Staff present: Emily Randel, Assistant to the City Administrator

Guests present: Banks Floodman, Sunflower Development Group and Connor Treanor, TreanorHL

### I. Welcome and introductions

Vice Chair David Greenlee welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### III. Sustainability Scorecard Presentation - Sunflower Development Group

Banks Floodman, Sunflower Development Group and Connor Treanor, TreanorHL shared an overview of their proposed multi-family project at the former Mission Bowl site. They shared highlights of the project according to the Sustainability Scorecard. The exact details of the stormwater plan will be evaluated, but retention of stormwater is one of the largest opportunities on the site. Bike storage and electric vehicle charging stations will be included, as well as controls of light pollution and maximizing the strength of connections to bus and walking connections around the site. While reuse of the building is not possible in this case, the Mission Bowl bowling lanes will be used to build the tables and counters. Pre-manufacturing as many elements as possible will go a long way in eliminating construction waste and the amount of time that construction crews are on-site. The appliances used will be top of the line and energy efficient. Water conservation appliances will be used. Mechanical systems will be designed to function as optimally as possible. Maintenance staff will be on-site to monitor and address energy systems proactively. Indoor air quality is a main topic of focus during the COVID-19 pandemic. Those considerations will be made when selecting the HVAC system.

The American Institute of Architects has issued the 2030 Commitment. TreanorHL has signed onto the commitment, and will be running energy modeling and implementing a sustainability scorecard for all projects over the next decade which will add another layer of evaluation and sustainability.

Josh Thede thanked Floodman and Treanor for the participation and applauded that this building will be part of the forward progress of sustainable goals for Mission. He asked for feedback on how the group chose the site for this project. Banks Floodman shared a familiarity and fondness for the Mission Bowl. The transit oriented development aspect of the site is

significant and will likely become more so over time. The developers looked at the proximity of the site to options for a wide variety of people. Mission certainly offers that, as well as great walkability to a variety of amenities and goods and services.

Cathy Boyer-Shesol asked whether Universal Design concepts will be included in the project and also asked about the connectivity to the transit options. Connor Treanor replied that they are looking at Universal Design concepts and are slowly layering those elements into their projects. Cathy Boyer-Shesol shared that even if the whole project doesn't use Universal Design concepts, some of the units could. Those have not been identified yet.

Andy Hyland asked about the process. Banks Floodman and Connor Treanor shared that it might make the most impact to come through the process as early as possible, even before the preliminary design plan is submitted. The scorecard telegraphs the values and goals of the community and it helps to get the developers thinking that way as early as possible. Then, leading up to the fine tuning of the project budget and the final development plan, it might be worth a second check-in. The developers shared that while it's clear the process is evolving, it's apparent that the effort is not superficial.

Councilmember Flora asked for detail about ongoing commitment to existing projects, as projects age or new technologies become available or new standards are adopted. Banks Floodman shared they do an annual evaluation on the maintenance costs of their projects, to discuss upgrades in lighting or windows and the payback period of those improvements. When that payoff is 3-4 years, it makes sense to make those improvements.

\*Connor Treanor will forward the 2030 Commitment document to Emily for forwarding to the group.

#### IV. Approval of the September 14, 2020 meeting minutes

Cathy Boyer-Shesol moved to approve the September meeting minutes, Terri Baugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

#### V. Old Business

- Alternative Herbicide Products Follow-Up

Andy Hyland reviewed the materials that were forwarded to the group following the September meeting, and the presentation of the concern about the harm of the chemicals currently being used. The particular information shared was from someone who is interested in also selling supplements, which raises some question about the overall goals of the efforts. There are also mixed impressions of the harm of Round-Up and related chemicals and products. The group would like to know when Public Works will purchase new chemicals, and how much of the existing product is still on-hand. Josh Thede shared that there is a webinar on this topic Tuesday, October 6. Josh will share the link to the webinar. The goal will be to investigate options before application in the spring and summer of 2021. Public Works staff have expressed a willingness to try something new.

- Facility Conservation Improvement Program (FCIP)

Emily Randel gave an update that three pre-qualified firms have completed walk-throughs of the Powell Community Center and Public Works. If the timing works, the firms will be asked to give virtual presentations of their initial review to representatives from Sustainability Commission, City Council, and staff on Monday, October 26 between 8 a.m. and noon. Terri Baugh, David Greenlee and John Arnett volunteered to participate. Emily will coordinate further in coming weeks.

#### VI. New Business:

- Mission Magazine - Article Topic

Andy Hyland is working through information Cathy Boyer-Shesol passed along on social isolation for the next Mission Magazine. Emily Randel still needs to share the next magazine deadline.

- Recycling Sub-Committee

Terri Baugh has been working to get the door hangers completed. She has been having trouble getting them printed locally, and is looking at VistaPrint. The Shawnee Mission North High School volunteers may not be available in the same numbers as originally thought due to COVID-19 concerns. Terri Baugh recommended that each member of the Sustainability Commission ask a friend or two to help cover an area of the city. Terri will ask for help placing the stickers on the door hangers once she has them printed.

Terri Baugh provided confirmation that MRC is still able to recycle broken or unwanted holiday strand lights. The cost per pick-up is \$75 each time, up from \$50 in 2019/2020. Terri Baugh has confirmed that Kelly Mack is willing to host a collection box again at Mack Hardware.

\*She will ask Penn Almoney to place one at Powell Community Center again. The boxes should be in place by November 16.

\*Emily will coordinate promoting the collection boxes in the next Mission Magazine.

- CFAA Sub-Committee Update

Cathy Boyer-Shesol shared that the sub-committee did not meet last month.

Andy Hyland moved to approve up to \$1,000 to support the Universal Design Idea Book. Terri Baugh seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- Parks, Recreation, and Tree Commission Update

Terri Baugh has reached out to Bridging the Gap and does have a contact who can speak to how to improve the bioswale in Broadmoor Park.

\*Terri Baugh will reach out to Penn Almoney to coordinate a meeting with the two commissions to learn more about a path forward.

Terri Baugh shared an update on the grant for improvements to Mohawk Park. City staff should hear soon about whether the grant will be awarded.

- Sustainability Lens Sub-Committee Update

No update from the sub-committee.

\* Josh Thede and Alexis Penny will forward the lens guide and a background email to Emily for forwarding on to City staff for review.

- Education and Communication Sub-Committee

No update for now. Efforts have been stalled due to restrictions on in-person meetings.

- Council Liaison Update

Councilmember Flora shared that Council is continuing to consider the Mission Bowl project. At the Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 7, Council will be reviewing the timeline for the TIF request for the project. Sustainability and affordable housing are two issues that Council has suggested to the developers to consider if coming forward for incentives.

The City Council held a worksession on the street maintenance program. The program will include improving sidewalks where they already exist, but on a parallel track, also evaluating a new sidewalk plan where they do not already exist. There could be sustainability trade-offs to adding new sidewalks, such as losing street trees. There will be more discussion to come.

There was a brief discussion about how the City Council views the Sustainability Scorecard process.

- Comprehensive Plan Update

Josh Thede and Cathy Boyer-Shesol shared an update from the Comprehensive Plan Update process. The project website is live. The public engagement kick-off meeting was held last Thursday. Phase I included a lot of sharing of background information and demographic data. Phase II is gathering community input and feedback. Josh Thede shared an overview of the project website. It was suggested that a tutorial or live overview video would be helpful when promoting the project site. It was also mentioned that personal appeals to friends and neighbors may be the most effective way to gain a good variety of feedback. Cathy Boyer-Shesol shared that there has already been nice discussion about key sustainability and Communities for All Ages themes.

VII. Reminders and announcements

VIII. Review of action items

IX. Adjourn

Sean Partain moved to adjourn the meeting. Terri Baugh seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission will be on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.