

MINUTES OF THE MISSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Monday, December 7, 2020 - 6:30 P.M.

Held virtually, via ZOOM

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In attendance: John Arnett, Terri Baugh, Cathy Boyer-Shesol, Andy Hyland, Josh Thede
Council Liaison present: Councilmember Sollie Flora, Councilmember Debbie Kring
Staff present: Emily Randel, Assistant to the City Administrator
Guests present: Ellen Parker, Mission resident, Ward III

I. Welcome and introductions

Andy Hyland welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Presentation - Audrey Seaman: Climate Action KC's Building Energy Exchange

Audrey Seaman presented a brief overview of Climate Action KC's past activities and then shared an overview of the goals to improve building health. This is taking shape as the KC Building Energy Exchange - a one-stop-shop for building owners and operators to access resources to support greater energy efficiency in buildings throughout the region. A secondary goal of this initiative is to add jobs and strengthen the economy through these improvements. The efforts will target rehabbing existing buildings and improving energy efficiency standards in new construction.

A few key areas of focus:

- Technical Assistance - providing to local municipalities and lifting up best practices. Reducing the energy efficiency learning curve.
- Reducing the energy burden and expanding low to moderate income housing opportunities. Kansas City has a very heavy energy burden. The work will focus on reducing market barriers and improving access to suitable financing.
- Supporting entrepreneurs in this work.

Audrey shared existing partnerships and next steps for the group.

A key part of their outreach will be visiting local municipalities to let them know what is offered so it can serve as a regional resource. In the future, the Building Exchange might connect building developers to energy audit contractors, and to the appropriate financing. The Building Exchange has identified the huge need of education in this process. The group emphasized that any kind of boilerplate templates or redlined versions that can be easily adopted by municipalities is incredibly helpful. Also helpful is creating coordination among different municipalities so that the region can move forward in unison.

IV. Presentation - Brandon Hearn, Johnson County Department of Health and Environment
The speaker has rescheduled for January 4, 2021.

V. Approval of the November 2, 2020 meeting minutes
Cathy Boyer-Shesol moved to approve the November meeting minutes, John Arnett seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

VI. Old Business

○ Sustainability Scorecard

■ Update on Sunflower Development Group Project

In October, Banks Floodman, Sunflower Development Group and Connor Treanor, TreanorHL shared an overview of their proposed multi-family project at the former Mission Bowl site. The Scorecard sub-committee met in November and wrote a response letter to the developer that was shared with the Mission City Council and Planning Commission. As the Finance and Administration Committee considers a development agreement and financial incentives for the project, the issues of affordable housing and sustainability are factors included in the terms of the agreement. On November 24th, members of the project team, the City team and USGBC and others met to discuss the details of the project and what additional sustainable elements might be included in the project and the factors involved in moving forward with official LEED certification.

The Finance and Administration Committee will discuss the development agreement at their December 9 meeting. The current proposed terms include:

- Designing, constructing and operating the project to LEED v4. 1 Residential LEED for Home (Silver) standards and will obtain LEED Silver certification for the project.
- The Developer will incorporate 29 sustainability improvements listed in the Development Agreement Exhibit F
- Four of these elements (solar ready design, efficient hot water distribution, garage pollutant protection and radon-resistant construction) were added since the presentation of the project to the Sustainability Commission in October, as a result of the discussions with representatives from the U.S. Green Building Council representatives.

■ Discussion on Recognition Plaque Design

Terri Baugh has been working with Overland Park Awards to design a plaque that will recognize a project's participation in the Sustainability Scorecard process. The group reviewed the plaque design with a few suggestions including avoiding using the word "Certified" to avoid confusion with the official LEED certification process. Another suggestion was to add signatures to the plaque to make them a bit more official. The subcommittee had been attempting to strike a balance between being clear and also concise. They will discuss the group's feedback.

Emily Randel will invite Steve Coon from EPC Development back to the January Sustainability Commission meeting. The group will review The Locale project against the points awarded previously through the Scorecard process. Following that review, a plaque will be presented.

VII. New Business

- The group reviewed the existing budget. To date, the group has spent the following, leaving a balance of \$1,785 of the \$5,000 annual budget.
- Vision Zero Conference

2020 Sustainability Expenses		
Purchase	Cost	Month Reported
Holiday Light Recycling	\$200.00	February
Water Bottle Filling Station	\$1,300.00	September
BikeWalkKC Training Instructors	\$140.00	September
Moss Printing Door Hangers	\$338.00	October
Vista Print Labels	\$237.92	October
Universal Design Idea Book	\$1,000.00	November
Universal Design Idea Book (Proposed)	\$1,000.00	December
MRC Light Recycling (Proposed)	\$200.00	December
TOTAL:	\$585.00	

John Arnett moved to spend an additional \$1,000 to support the development of the Universal Design Idea Book. Cathy Boyer-Shesol assured the group that the funds would still be very helpful in the project. Josh Thede seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The remaining costs for 2020 will include charges to cover the collection of the holiday recycling. The charges may not come until after the project is complete, in 2021. If possible, Emily Randel will work with the vendor to pay for that service in advance.

Josh Thede moved to spend up to \$200 to MRC for the collection and recycling of holiday lights collected at the Powell Community Center and Mack True Value Hardware. Cathy Boyer-Shesol seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The two passed expenses and the new proposed total are shown in red above.

- Vision Zero Conference

Josh Thede shared his notes from attending a portion of the Vision Zero Summit. The initiative works to increase safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all, treating traffic crashes in an

epidemiological manner. Josh shared that he feels this is a project very worthy of future attention by the Sustainability Commission and others in Mission. Officer Jay Fleer presented at the Summit, and Josh shared a few figures and comments from his presentation.

VIII. Standing Items

○ Upcoming Outreach and Mission Magazine Article Topics

The next edition of the Mission Magazine will be out in February. The piece on social isolation is out now in the November issue. Terri Baugh suggested highlighting the stormwater best practices program. Andy Hyland and Emily Randel will coordinate to complete an article before the deadline for the next magazine.

○ Recycling Sub-Committee

- Door Hanger Update: Terri Baugh shared a successful report and thanked everyone for distributing the doorhangers. Andy Hyland did 500 and Cathy Boyer-Shesol hung all of them in Milhaven. There are extra door hangers, so if any of the group have ideas on how to distribute those, they should coordinate with Terri. Terri has a box of them displayed with the holiday light recycling boxes.
- Light Recycling Update: The recycling company, MRC, dropped off boxes that were too small and those have been collected already. That collection will be complimentary because of the mistake. They seemed to be getting good use. The boxes will be in place through January 15.
- Compost Collective - A Mission resident asked Terri Baugh why Mission does not have a curbside composting program. She shared cost information about Compost Collective. The group members will share the names of other companies operating in the region with Terri for further research.
- Emily Randel shared that Ripple Glass is emphasizing their goal to increase regional glass capture from 20% to 30% by 2020. They are targeting commercial recycling to achieve this goal. The Sustainability Commission may be able to assist. The group agreed to invite a representative from Ripple Glass to speak at the February meeting.

○ CFAA Sub-Committee Update

Cathy Boyer-Shesol shared that the subcommittee plans to meet on Tuesday, December 15 at 6 p.m. Emily Randel will share the updated goals sheet with Laura Smith and Department Directors.

○ Parks, Recreation, and Tree Commission Update

Terri Baugh shared a review of the latest Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission meeting. The City received lots of applicants for the Park Technician position and will be reviewing those. There will be an effort to consider renaming Mohawk Park as part of the

progress in the master plan improvements. Broadmoor Park will be the next park targeted for a master plan design. Staff has sent in the Tree City USA application. 2020 will be Mission's 19th year in the program. Work is ongoing to find a sustainable solution for the bioswale areas in Broadmoor Park and elsewhere in Mission.

- Sustainability Lens Sub-Committee Update

No update from the sub-committee. Josh will send the one pager to Emily for review by staff.

- Council Liaison Update

Councilmember Kring shared before she had to leave the call how proud she is of the Sustainability Commission members and all their efforts. Councilmember Flora shared more detail about the Mission Bowl Development Agreement. The group celebrated the roll of the Sustainability Scorecard in this achievement.

- Comprehensive Plan Update

Josh Thede and Cathy Boyer-Shesol shared that they are still collecting information on the project website from the public and will look forward to reporting out following the next steering committee meeting.

IX. Reminders and announcements

John Arnett asked Andy Hyland to share a remembrance of Alex Trebek from his time on Jeopardy, following Mr. Trebek's passing on November 8.

Josh Thede called everyone's attention to the article to the story on John Arnett's volunteerism in the latest edition of the Mission Magazine.

X. Review of action items

XI. Adjourn

Josh Thede moved to adjourn the meeting. Terri Baugh seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission will be on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.