

MINUTES OF THE MISSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Monday, March 1, 2021 - 6:30 P.M.

Held virtually, via ZOOM

In attendance: John Arnett, Terri Baugh, Cathy Boyer-Shesol, David Greenlee, Andy Hyland, Hunter Lindquist, Lenny Lippert, Ellen Parker, Mike Patterson, Josh Thede
Council Liaisons present: Councilmember Sollie Flora, Councilmember Debbie Kring
Staff present: Emily Randel, Assistant to the City Administrator
Guests: James Tormohlen; Mary Ryherd from the Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission; Parker Hall, Roeland Park Resident

I. Welcome and introductions

Cathy Boyer-Shesol welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Sustainability Moment - [Cathy Boyer-Shesol](#) introduced the concept of starting each meeting with a "Sustainability Moment" to focus on the impact of the group's work and the progress being made toward the group goals. Emily Randel shared the first Sustainability Moment around the Johnson Drive functionality discussion. The survey, focus groups and community engagement around the issues of walkability, pedestrian safety. alternative transportation and creating community spaces achieves a number of our sustainability goals.

IV. Preparation for Community Development Committee Presentation - Andy Hyland shared the history of presenting annually to the Community Development Committee. It's a chance to share back past projects and future goals and to get feedback. Josh Thede will present for the group this year. If anyone has certain items they would like highlighted, Josh and Andy will loop those together for presenting on March 3.

Councilmembers Kring and Flora shared the desire to highlight the role the group has played in recent projects such as the Sustainability Scorecard and the other impact points throughout the past year. Councilmember Flora reiterated that the Facility Conservation Improvement Program (FCIP) underway currently originated in the Sustainability Commission.

Cathy Boyer-Shesol mentioned the ongoing Mission Magazine articles on issues of sustainability, the door hanger program, and the participation in the Comprehensive Plan Update discussions. Josh Thede added the Lamar Avenue bike lane kick-off event in 2020. Terri Baugh shared a priority of mentioning the first Scorecard award and John Arnett shared a priority of the holiday light recycling program.

Focus on the future will include our new members as well as a refocus on our upcoming priorities.

V. Approval of the February 1, 2021 meeting minutes

Andy Hyland made note of a typo in the year of Item IV. With that change, Andy Hyland moved to approve the January meeting minutes, Lenny Lippert seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

VI. New Business - [Cathy Boyer-Shesol](#) shared the reformatting of the meeting agendas to remove Old and New Business items from future agendas unless there is a specific item for those categories.

VII. Standing Items

- Communities for All Ages Sub-Committee Update - John Arnett provided a review of the history of the Communities for All Ages for the new members of the group. Josh Thede shared praise for those who took part in creating and reviewing the spreadsheet tracking each item. Cathy shared that the sub-committee identified three major categories of priorities including Communications Strategy, those items that should be elevated during the Comprehensive Plan update, and opportunities for collaboration. The sub-committee will share a full report at either the April or May Sustainability Commission meeting.

- Comprehensive Plan Update - Josh Thede share that the Steering Committee did meet and reviewed the project to this point and focused on transportation. The next meeting will be focused on land use and building development. The consultant will be adding public input opportunities in the coming months and a revised timeline. Cathy Boyer-Shesol shared an extensive overview of the Communities for All Ages checklist items that pertain to the Comprehensive Plan update to the project consultant.

- Recycling Sub-Committee
 - Education Video - Terri Baugh, David Greenlee and Hunter Lindquist met and recorded the first two segments of their video. The presentation ties to the content included on the recycling door hangers. David Greenlee is currently editing the video. Mary Ryherd offered her services with video editing and royalty-free music. Cathy Boyer-Shesol asked James Tormohlen to share in a future meeting how best to share this video and information to his peers.

- Curbside Compost Contacts - Terri Baugh and Mike Patterson shared the information on the various companies. Terri Baugh is waiting to hear from Prairie Village on their experience working with Food Cycle.

- Every other week recycling - Terri Baugh shared a review of a presentation she heard from John Blessing at Waste Management about moving recycling collection to every other week and the associated reduction in emissions with fewer vehicle trips. Councilmember Kring and Josh Thede wanted to refocus the goal on recycling more and with less contamination. Lenny Lippert shared that every other week seems to be well-received in Olathe.

Terri Baugh will organize a future recycling sub-committee meeting with Hunter Lindquist, Mike Patterson, David Greenlee, Josh Thede and Lenny Lippert.

- Sustainability Scorecard Sub-Committee - Josh Thede shared that the sub-committee met and reviewed how the EPC award presentation will go forward for The Locale. Emily Randel and Josh Thede and other members of the group will connect on finalizing those details.

Emily Randel shared current thoughts about how best to include the Scorecard in a more formal way through the development process. The sub-committee will meet with Kaitlyn Service, Mission's City Planner, on Monday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Josh Thede moved to purchase a plaque for recognition of The Locale from Overland Park Awards for not to exceed \$85. Mike Patterson seconded. The motion passed.

- Parks, Recreation, and Tree Commission (PRT) Update - Ellen Parker attended the PRT meeting. It was an exciting meeting due to a burst pipe that flooded the offices at the Powell Community Center. There are landscaping issues in Legacy Park and the Commission is looking at native trees and shrubs and possibly adding a water fountain with a dog bowl as well and a possible art installation. They also shared information about wayfinding signage, the renaming of Mohawk Park and ordering new benches for Broadmoor Park.

- Upcoming Outreach and Mission Magazine Article Topic - Emily Randel and Andy Hyland will be coordinating the next article will highlight the Scorecard and the award for The Locale and the Mission Bowl development.

- Council Liaison Update - Councilmember Flora reiterated the sustainability related topics on the agenda for the upcoming Community Development Committee and reminded everyone that the regional Climate Plan is published and could be a future meeting topic at Sustainability Commission meeting.

Councilmember Debbie Kring shared that she sits on the Caring for Kids group through Rushton Elementary School and is carrying forward priorities to her work with that group.

VIII. Reminders and announcements

The Community Development Committee meeting on March 3 will be recorded. Emily Randel will share the recording link for anyone who does not view the meeting live can review before the next Sustainability Commission meeting.

Sustainability Commission Calendar - Emily Randel will share it in a separate email.

Adopt-a-Street - David Greenlee will coordinate a future clean-up date on Shawnee Mission Parkway.

[Hunter Lindquist](#) will be our representative at the March Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission on March 15.

John Arnett will coordinate a future battery sorting meeting to process the current collection.

Cathy Boyer-Shesol suggested that creating a new member orientation might be helpful for our current new members and future members.

IX. Review of action items

X. Adjourn

Andy Hyland moved to adjourn the meeting. Josh Thede 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, April 5, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.