

MINUTES OF THE MSSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Monday, June 7, 2021 - 6:30 P.M.

Held in person at the Powell Community Center

In attendance: John Arnett, Terri Baugh, Cathy Boyer-Shesol, David Greenlee, Hunter Lindquist, Lenny Lippert, Ellen Parker, Mike Patterson, Josh Thede, James Tormohlen

Council Liaisons present: Councilmember Sollie Flora, Councilmember Debbie Kring

Staff present: Emily Randel, Assistant to the City Administrator

Guests: Jacque Gameson from the Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission; Hana Brookreson, Mission resident

I. Welcome and introductions and in person guidelines

Cathy Boyer-Shesol welcomed everyone to the meeting. Emily Randel shared tips about meeting in person at the Powell Community Center.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Sustainability Moment – Cathy Boyer-Shesol shared an update on Universal Design. The electronic guidebook is now available, funded in part by the Mission Sustainability Commission. Cathy herself is now living with a temporary disability which has emphasized the importance of the Universal Design work that allows us to age in place and perform basic functions critical to building a Community for All Ages.

IV. Approval of the May 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Josh Thede moved to approve the May meeting minutes with two minor corrections. Lenny Lippert seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

V. Communities for All Ages Sub-Committee Status Report

Members of the Communities for All Ages (CFAA) sub-committee, Cathy Boyer-Shesol, Josh Thede, John Arnett and Ellen Parker, shared a brief presentation on the background and current status of Communities for All Ages efforts. They provided a reminder of the CFAA Google Sheet which compiles the items from the checklist and Mission's progress on the items, and leading opportunities.

The presentation included a list of the prime opportunities to incorporate CFAA principles into the Comprehensive Plan Update:

- Universal Design
- Accessory Dwelling Units
- Regional affordable housing efforts

- Transportation (pedestrian connectivity)
- Form based codes
- Images of all ages and abilities
- Advocate for complete street principles

And a list of the prime opportunities for future progress:

- Continue to support Safe Routes to Schools
- Sustainability Commission create communications plan - include CFAA
- Pedestrian amenities in future street improvements
- Collaborate with Neighborhood Services
- Destination Safe
- Highlight older driver safety
- Research Walk Friendly and Bike Friendly certifications
- Keep CFAA impact statement on Council agenda items
- Keep high school members involved on commissions
- Schedule presentation with Johnson County Area Agency on Aging

VI. City of Mission New Website Overview

Emily Randel shared an overview of the new City of Mission website which launched in April. Members provided suggestions for additional content, improved functionality and appearance. Emily requested assistance from the group in monitoring content in the future, to make sure the pages stay fresh and relevant.

VII. Future Planning and Goal Setting

Josh Thede provided an update on a Commission retreat. At this time, the group is considering a meeting in person at the end of August. Josh, Andy Hyland, Terri Baugh and Ellen Parker have volunteered to help with the strategic planning process. Josh Thede will coordinate schedules via email.

VIII. Standing Items

○ Recycling Sub-Committee Update

Terri Baugh reminded the group that she shared notes from the sub-committee meeting via email. Planning for an environmental fair has resumed. The idea is to collaborate with other cities including Prairie Village, Roeland Park, Westwood, Fairway and Mission. Penn Almoney has agreed to allow us to use the space at the Community Center. The group is planning now for early spring of 2022. There would be vendor fees charged – the expenses would include the room rental fee split between the cities.

Terri Baugh moved to host a fair in spring 2022. Hunter Lindquist seconded the motion. Councilmember Flora and Lenny Lippert offered vendor contact lists from previous events. Councilmember Kring mentioned the importance of including students in these types of initiatives. The motion passed.

Terri Baugh will reach out to the other cities to gauge interest.

Terri Baugh recommended that the group host the Smart Recycling workshop at the Powell Community Center in July. David Greenlee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Terri Baugh asked for a status update on bringing curbside composting to the City Council. Emily Randel asked if Terri Baugh if she could gather comparable information from the other companies offering the curbside service in addition to Food Cycle KC.

- Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission Update

Lenny Lippert attended the PRT meeting last month. Volunteers are needed for several events including Outdoor Kansas Kids in the fall, the Backyard Campout, the Mission Summer Family Picnic at Broadmoor Park. The Global Youth initiative is going well. Seven trees were planted by youth volunteers in Mohawk Park, and five trees in Broadmoor Park. The 70 Tree Challenge is ongoing. There are new benches in Mohawk, Waterworks and Andersen Park. David Greenlee asked if Mission offers plaques for donated benches. Jacque Gameson said the Celebration Tree program allows for the purchase of plaques to recognize gifts and donations. Funding was allocated to support replacement and addition of new benches.

Lenny Lippert shared that Bank of the West is in the process of adopting Broadmoor Park.

Terri Baugh asked if there is an opportunity to promote the Sustainability Commission and recycling education at the upcoming special events. She will reach out to Parks staff to confirm and coordinate dates and volunteers.

There are public meetings coming up to receive input on the conceptual redesigns of Mohawk Park June 10, 6 p.m. at Powell Community Center and of Broadmoor Park June 29, 6:30-8 p.m. at Broadmoor Park.

Lenny Lippert will attend the next PRT meeting on June 21.

- Council Liaison Update

Councilmember Flora mentioned the Facility Conservation Improvement Program which will be discussed in the City update later in the agenda.

The first work session on the recommended 2022 budget will be this Wednesday, June 9.

Councilmember Kring shared that some of the trash bins were overflowing on Saturday on Johnson Drive. She will be speaking with staff on that and other areas of the City that do not look like they should.

- City Update

FCIP Update - Emily Randel shared that the Facility Conservation Improvement Program recommendations will be considered for approval at the June 16 City Council meeting. If approved, work will begin quickly following.

Emily Randel asked if the Sustainability Commission would like to host the Community Tent at the Mission Market. The group agreed to host a tent on July 8. Terri Baugh will coordinate shifts during the market hours of 4:30-8 p.m. Interested members include: Terri Baugh, Cathy Boyer-Shesol, Mike Patterson, James Tormohlen, David Greenlee, Josh Thede and Ellen Parker.

IX. Reminders and Announcement

MARC's Accessible Home Design Virtual Workshop is set for June 23, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Registration is now open. Cathy will forward the email.

Cathy Boyer-Shesol will be seeking volunteers to share a Sustainability Moment at the beginning of the July meeting

Josh Thede thanked everyone who attended the ribbon cutting at The Locale. Emily Randel will share the group photo.

The members of the Commission CHEERED Josh Thede for passing the Principles and Practice of Engineering Exam in Architectural Engineering this spring.

X. Review of Action Items

XI. Adjourn

John Arnett moved to adjourn the meeting. Josh Thede seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission will be in person on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.