

## MINUTES OF THE MSSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Monday, August 2, 2021 - 6:30 P.M.

Held in person at the Powell Community Center

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

Council Liaisons present: Councilmember Sollie Flora, Councilmember Debbie Kring

Staff present: Laura Smith, City Administrator, Emily Randel, Assistant to the City Administrator

Guests: Jacque Gameson from the Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission

### I. Welcome and introductions

Cathy Boyer-Shesol welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### III. Sustainability Moment

Andy Hyland shared that that his most recent Sustainability Moment came as he was working with the committee to plan the retreat. The tracking sheet of progress on the Commission's priorities is very impressive. There is a lot there that has been accomplished, even after all that the members collectively have been through and even though the work of the past year was largely done virtually. It is a significant accomplishment and shows true dedication.

### IV. Approval of the July 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Andy Hyland pointed out one typo but moved to approve the July meeting minutes with that change. Terri Baugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

### V. City Administrator Update on Proposed 2022 Budget and Sales Tax Renewal Election

Laura Smith shared an overview of the proposed 2022 Budget. She commented that the presentation is part of an effort to better connect the work of the Commissions to the work of the City. She shared that the budget is on track to be approved at the September 15 City Council meeting following several public meetings and hearings.

The group discussed how the Commission can best engage and connect with the priorities of the Council. Laura Smith shared that she feels that one method would be for the Governing Body to hold a retreat at the start of each year and then share the priorities set at that retreat. The Commissions could then come to a Committee meeting in April or May to discuss coordination of work for the relevant priorities.

Laura shared that each of the Commission's budgets were reduced from \$5,000 to \$3,000 in the recommended 2022 budget.

Josh Thede asked about past budget allocations for projects that don't happen in the original year intended, such as the \$15,000 for a greenhouse gas emissions inventory that the Sustainability Commission recommended for the 2020 budget. Laura Smith answered that those funds are earmarked and carried forward for future budgets when the projects can go forward.

Laura Smith also shared information about the upcoming street sales tax mail ballot election. A town hall meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 17 and residents will receive an informational flyer in the mail. The mail ballots will begin arriving the first week of September and are due back by noon on September 21.

Laura Smith thanked the group and left the meeting.

#### VI. Strategic Plan

Josh Thede shared a review of past goal setting initiatives that have brought the Sustainability Commission to this point. He shared a two page document with six focus areas and 25 SMART goals with an indication of progress for each. Each goal also has an indicator sharing the committee's perception of the effort required and the relative effort required to accomplish it.

The group will be considering how to interact with the Climate Action Playbook and Regional Climate Action Plan.

The group brainstormed vision statements and will continue to work on those in advance of the retreat.

The retreat is set for Saturday, September 25 at the Powell Community Center.

#### VII. Standing Items

- Recycling Sub-Committee Update

Terri Baugh is interested in hosting one of the curbside composting companies at the Mission Market before the end of the year.

Emily Randel owes the group an update on curbside composting.

Lenny provided an update on the Environmental fair. There is lots of interest from the neighboring cities. Each city will choose a point person and will work together on a planning meeting via Zoom. The date for the fair is still to be determined.

Adopt a Street Scheduling – Terri Baugh confirmed a clean-up on August 21 starting at 8 a.m. Six volunteers are needed.

- Comprehensive Plan Update

Josh Thede provided an update on the Comprehensive Plan. The work is getting close to the point of having a draft plan, and will incorporate the DirectionFinder survey results into the plan. The goal is to have a finished project in late 2022. The steering committee talked through a future land use map for what Mission may look like in 2040. The map included definitions for different

types of housing and projects such as The Locale. Cathy Boyer-Shesol pointed out that there will be opportunities for public input. Communities for All Ages will be emphasized in the plan and the elements within the plan that reflect the CFAA goals will be highlighted with a special symbol.

Terri Baugh asked Josh Thede about the emphasis on affordable housing and how to accomplish that within the plan. Josh confirmed that there are limitations, but that the steering committee has talked about the affordability issue at each of their meetings. Councilmember Flora shared that the affordability issue is regional in nature, and part of the solution will be coordinating and cooperating with regional entities and the Mid-America Regional Council, etc.

- Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission (PRT) Update

John Arnett shared a review of the July PRT meeting. He shared that name tents might be a good addition for guests and new members. The conceptual redesign process is moving ahead for Mohawk, Broadmoor, Waterworks, Andersen and then Streamway. Stakeholder and public meetings are underway for each park ahead of the sunset of the Parks sales tax in March of 2023. The dog park is still a topic of much discussion. The wayfinding signage in the parks is considered to be a huge upgrade. The Commission did acknowledge the herbicide use in Mission parks. The PRT noticed the Sustainability Commission at the Mission Market and reached out for a booth at a future market. The PRT will be evaluating the City codes related to Mission parks. The PRT received an update on the Facility Conservation Improvement Program. The rescheduled date of the Mission Summer Family Picnic will likely be October 9. Progress is being made on the “70 trees for 70 years of Mission” anniversary campaign. There are 13 trees that went into parks recently, and the program will be promoted through the fall planting season.

- Council Liaison Update

Councilmember Kring working on solid waste commission on Brandon Hearn that he is interested in meeting with Terri Baugh about recycling programs.

Councilmember Flora highlighted the sustainability related items included in the DirectionFinder results with strong support.

#### VIII. Reminders and Announcements

#### IX. Review of Action Items

#### X. Adjourn

John Arnett moved to adjourn the meeting. Josh Thede seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission will be in person on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.