

MINUTES OF THE MSSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Monday, October 4, 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, Ellen Parker, Mike Patterson, Josh Thede, James Tormohlen

Council Liaisons present: Councilmember Sollie Flora

Staff present: Emily Randel, Assistant City Administrator

Guests: Emily Rollheiser, Parks + Recreation Commission

I. Welcome and introductions

Cathy Boyer-Shesol welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Sustainability Moment

Terri Baugh shared that she learned about TerraCycle that recycles toothbrushes, toothbrush tubes and toothbrush packages. Terri is now the official designated location here to collect them and will have a bucket outside of her home for anyone to donate their used items. Once she accumulates 10 pounds of material, they will send a packaging for returning the shipment. It is a unique solution for a hard to recycle item.

IV. Approval of the September 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Terri Baugh moved to approve the September meeting minutes. John Arnett seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

V. Strategic Plan Review and Further Discussion

Cathy Boyer-Shesol thanked the planning sub-committee for the work preparing for the retreat. The committee included Josh Thede, Terri Baugh, Andy Hyland, Ellen Parker and Cathy Boyer-Shesol. Josh provided a recap of the content of the retreat for those not in attendance. The committee is still working through the meeting notes. Ellen Parker read the revised vision statement and read the five goals and guiding principles.

Vision: A prosperous and sustainable community for all.

Mission: The Sustainability Commission advises the City Council and advocates for sustainable policies and practices impacting the natural environment, the economy and the community.

Guiding Principles: As we do our work, we will be purposeful in including underrepresented voices and continuously assess our capacity to achieve our goals.

1. Partner with the City Council and Board and Commissions to center sustainability and achieve the goals of the Climate Action KC Regional Climate Action Plan.
2. Make Mission a resilient and welcoming community where people want to visit, work, live and age in place.
3. Make Mission a responsible steward of our natural resources and be a good neighbor in our corner of the planet.
4. Educate residents about sustainability goals and practices and empower individual action.
5. Partner with local businesses to advance sustainability goals.

They will be shared via email this week so group members can think through the sub-committees that logically fit under each goal. Cathy Boyer-Shesol said that among other possible recommendations, the Commission will likely add a communication sub-committee which Andy Hyland has volunteered to chair. There was discussion about creating a group of interested members from all the commissions to work the Climate Action Plan goal.

Councilmember Flora praised the effort of the planning sub-committee and the quality of the retreat.

Cathy Boyer-Shesol asked for feedback on the monthly meeting structure and how to advance the goals most efficiently in the future. The consensus was that the meetings are running well, but that is largely helped by the work of the sub-committees.

The homework question for the retreat was what each member identified as their sustainability goals for one year, five years and ten years from now.

VI. Sub-Committee Items Needing Action

Terri Baugh shared the environmental fair is in question due to capacity for the space available but the group is still considering options.

Cathy Boyer-Shesol provided a brief overview of the Communities for All Ages sub-committee. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to reach out.

Sustainability Scorecard Sub-Committee: Josh Thede shared that the committee's latest activity was presenting the recognition plaque to the EPC project. Tidal Wave has opened since completing the scorecard. Emily Randel will reach out to them to review the scorecard items. The Mission Bowl project will be underway soon and the group will follow up with them once the project is complete. At Terri Baugh's suggestion, Emily Randel will notify the group when future pre-

application meetings occur so the Chair may invite the development team to participate in the Scorecard process.

Magazine topics: Emily Randel and Andy Hyland will brainstorm on magazine topics. Possibilities include promotion of the holiday light program and potentially the approval of the Climate Action Plan.

VII. Council Liaison Update

Councilmember Flora reported that Mission Bowl's demolition has been stalled due to delay on a State permit. The Mohawk Park grant has been awarded. The Climate Action Resolution is on the Community Development Committee for this Wednesday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m.

VIII. City Updates

Special events: The Sustainability Commission will have a table at the Mission Family Picnic Saturday, October 9, 5-8 p.m.

Spooky Walk will be Friday, October 22 at Streamway Park 6-8 PM.

Howl-O-Ween for dogs will be Sat. October 30 at Mohawk Park 9-11 AM.

John Arnett will represent the Sustainability Commission at the next Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission meeting October 18.

Emily Rollheiser shared that the City met the goal of planting 70 new trees for the 70th anniversary year.

Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee will be reviewing the housing and economic development chapters of the plans this Thursday. Emily Randel will check about whether the Steering Committee would be able to share a report out to the Sustainability Committee if one is available.

IX. Reminders and Announcements

Cathy Boyer-Shesol reminded the group about MARC's Creating Great Places for All Ages workshop this Thursday.

Lenny Lippert will step down from the Sustainability Commission following the December meeting. He no longer works in Mission and has been serving as a non-resident.

X. Review of Action Items

XI. Adjourn

Ellen Parker moved to adjourn the meeting. Josh Thede seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission will be in person on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.