

MINUTES OF THE MISSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Monday, January 3, 2022 - 6:30 P.M.

Powell Community Center

In attendance: John Arnett, Terri Baugh, Cathy Boyer-Shesol, Andy Hyland, Mike Patterson, Josh Thede, James Tormohlen

Council Liaisons present: Both Councilmembers Kring and Thomas were absent

Staff present: Emily Randel, Assistant City Administrator

Guests present: Wilt Cloutman, Lincolnshire HOA; Lauren Reiter-Schmid, Mission resident; Kim Weir, Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission

I. Welcome and introductions

Cathy Boyer-Shesol welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted it would be her last meeting as Chair. Josh Thede shared that David Greenlee, Lenny Lippert and Hunter Lindquist have stepped down. Cathy Boyer-Shesol asked about what the City does for outgoing members. Josh Thede mentioned that he had noticed the plaque in honor of former members of the Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission in Beverly Park. Josh and Emily Randel will discuss a similar option for outgoing members of the Sustainability Commission.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Sustainability Moment

John Arnett noticed the holiday box in the lobby of the Powell Community Center was substantially full and remarked how successful the program has been. Emily Randel added that the City has received the first Certificate of Proper Recycling from Midwest Recycling Center. The first pallets held 157 lbs. from Mack Hardware and 163 lbs. from the Powell Community Center.

IV. Approval of the December 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Terri Baugh moved to approve the meeting minutes. Josh Thede seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

V. Sub-Committee Reports

o Recycling Committee:

The Powell Community Center will accommodate the Environmental Fair. Terri Baugh will be scheduling a virtual meeting with the committee.

o Budget Committee Report

Cathy Boyer-Shesol shared a review of the work of the Budget Committee and the items proposed. There was a discussion about reducing certain items of the proposed budget to

accommodate battery and holiday light recycling expenses in 2022. Andy Hyland shared that the communications budget could be reduced to \$100. John Arnett voiced support for planting trees if funds allow. Cathy Boyer-Shesol volunteered to take the suggestions back and will share a revised budget at the February meeting. Andy Hyland thanked the budget committee for working at this time of the year compared to the end of the year as in the past.

VI. Recap of Brandon Hearn Presentation

Emily Randel reviewed the presentation on the Recycle Right campaign that Brandon Hearn had shared at the November Sustainability Commission. Brandon is scheduled to present on the program at the January Community Development Committee meeting on Wednesday. Emily shared that she and Community Development Coordinator Nilo Fanksa will be working with Brandon to identify the right neighborhood for the program. Andy Hyland suggested that the MRANO neighborhood might be a nice target since they are well-organized and have communication methods in place to coordinate messaging.

VII. Preliminary Planning For Presentation to the Community Development Committee and work with Climate Action Super-Committee

Josh Thede shared the history of sharing to the CDC meeting. In the past, the group has presented in February and the Chair and Vice Chair have shared the presentation duties. Andy Hyland volunteered to prepare talking points again for the presentation.

Emily Randel shared an overview of the status of the Climate Action committee with representation from each group.. The Council plans a retreat on February 5, 2022. If the Sustainability Commission shares their annual report to the Community Development Committee on February 2, that will be just ahead of the Council retreat which will align well.

VIII. 2022 Overview Commission Project Prioritizing

Josh Thede voiced the importance of keeping up the momentum from the retreat. Within each of the goals there are activities that will need attention. Celebrating the Johnson Drive Road Diet and hosting the Environmental Fair are two notable examples. There are full notes from the retreat that will be shared out to the full group.

IX. Council Liaison Update

No report this month.

X. City Updates

The Holiday Family Adoption Program was a success again serving 108 families.

The City mailed out a reminder postcard about the new requirement that property owners clear public sidewalks within 48 hours of a snow event. That is a nice achievement for Communities for All Ages.

XI. Chair Transition and Thanking Cathy Boyer-Shesol

Josh Thede thanked Cathy Boyer-Shesol for her service as Chair. Josh Thede read from the Sustainability Commission bylaws and shared the process of selecting a new Chair which will be done at the February meeting.

XII. Reminders and Announcements

Brian Scott will attend the Sustainability Commission in February to present on the Comprehensive Plan Update.

John Arnett shared that there are new batteries that need sorting and will connect on dates that work for those interested in helping.

Kim Weir shared a report from the Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission.

Mike Patterson, James Tormohlen and Cathy Boyer-Shesol volunteered to help with the Environmental Fair.

XIII. Review of Action Items

XIV. Adjourn

John Arnett moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission will be in person on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.