

## MINUTES OF THE MISSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Monday, February 7, 2022 - 6:30 P.M.

Powell Community Center

In attendance: John Arnett, Ramsey Attaria, Terri Baugh, Andy Hyland, Ellen Parker, Mike Patterson, Josh Thede, James Tormohlen

Council Liaisons present: Councilmembers Kring and Thomas

Staff present: Emily Randel, Assistant City Administrator

Guests present: Will Cloutman, Lincolnshire HOA, Jacque Gameson from the Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission

### I. Welcome and introductions

Josh Thede welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that Cathy Boyer-Shesol will be absent. The group members introduced themselves. New members Lynn Bain and Lauren Reiter-Schmid had previously expressed their regrets in missing the meeting due to prior obligations made before their appointments. They look forward to joining the March meeting.

### II. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Andy Hyland moved to elect Josh Thede as Chair. Terri Baugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Terri Baugh moved to elect Ellen Parker as Vice-Chair. Mike Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Andy Hyland confirmed with Ellen Parker that she was interested in serving as Chair next year as has been the practice following a year as Vice-Chair. The group thanked Cathy Boyer-Shesol for her service as Chair during the past year.

Councilmember Hillary Parker Thomas asked if there has been a practice to recognize past chairs with a plaque or something similar. Emily Randel mentioned that the discussion came up recently about doing something similar for longtime outgoing members. Josh Thede and Emily agreed to discuss it before the March meeting to develop a recommendation.

### III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### IV. Sustainability Moment

Josh Thede read a Sustainability Moment that Cathy Boyer-Shesol shared via email. She shared that while on vacation in Hawaii, she noticed sustainable practices that previous to her time on the Sustainability Commission might have annoyed her, such as paper straws. Now she has greater understanding about them and as she traveled, she noticed other things such as more prominent recycling bins, etc.

Josh Thede added for the benefit of the new members that the Sustainability Moment is a chance for members to share thoughts, experiences or observations from outside the meetings that illustrate the importance of what the Sustainability Commission does. If anyone has something to share for the March meeting, they should email him and Emily Randel.

V. Approval of the January 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Andy Hyland moved to approve the meeting minutes. Terri Baugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Josh Thede recalled that Councilmember Thomas mentioned meeting minutes at the Community Development Commission meeting last week. Councilmember Thomas reiterated her request that staff include the Commission meeting minutes in the City Council packets so they are incorporated into what the City Council is regularly reviewing. Emily Randel said she and the City Administrator would discuss this request.

VI. Recap of Commission Presentation to CDC

Josh Thede gave an overview of his presentation to the Community Development Committee meeting on February 2. The annual presentation has taken place since 2017. This year's presentation was well received and Josh thanked Cathy Boyer-Shesol and Andy Hyland for organizing the material and Emily Randel for compiling the slide presentation. The councilmembers had strong questions about the Sustainability Scorecard, and in particular the differences between LEED Silver and National Green Building Standards (NGBS) Bronze. Josh Thede, Andy Hyland, Mike Patterson, Terri Baugh and Ellen Parker will meet as the Scorecard Sub-committee to research summary level detail on the differences. The councilmembers thanked the Sustainability Commission for their service and gave appreciation for the range of expertise on the group to the extent that this group is being used as a regional model. Incorporating the Sustainability Lens into Council agenda items in the future was mentioned at the meeting as well. Emily Randel answered a question at the meeting to review what the Johnson Drive road diet in 2022 will entail and why the Commission is interested in celebrating it as was mentioned in the Josh's presentation.

VII. Climate Action KC Update

Councilmember Hillary Parker Thomas serves as Mission's liaison to Climate Action KC (CAKC). She shared an update on the recent work of the committee. Mission recently approved a resolution endorsing the Regional Climate Action Plan that was released in April 2021. CAKC created a municipal platform that was recently published, [2022 Recommended Municipal Policy Actions](#), as a guide for policy actions that can be taken at the local level. The guide was passed out to the members of the Commission and the group read it aloud. The guide is available online and will be mailed to all the elected officials in the region.

Councilmember Thomas shared a few ideas about how to digest these items and how to make progress on them. She shared her own personal support for requiring multi-family residential buildings to require recycling services.

Emily Randel reviewed an outline of the Climate Action Task Force. The group would have representation from the Sustainability Commission, Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission and Planning Commission as well as staff from all departments and would create recommendations for 1, 3 and 5 year implementation with a particular focus on preparing budget requests for the 2023 budget process.

Ellen Parker asked the group if anyone was prepared to share their priority items from the list and asked how ordinance changes may work. Emily Randel answered that while ordinance changes take staff time to research and recommend, they are not specifically budget dependent. These could potentially move forward independent of the budget development process. Ellen suggested a focus on weatherization program using ARPA Funds may be a priority project. Councilmember Thomas added that a neighborhood grant for funding weatherization programs should be easy to accomplish given the City's existing neighborhood grant programs. The Sustainability Commission could look at other jurisdictions' programs to decide a funding level and criteria.

Councilmember Kring stated the need to share the measurable and tangible outcomes that can be shared so that they ring true to more residents.

Andy Hyland suggested that since there is a precedent for linking green building practices to incentive agreements, making that more explicit seems like a worthy next step.

Councilmember Kring asked about working with the haulers to encourage more avenues for recycling those troublesome items that cannot currently be recycled. Ellen Parker mentioned that the work of the communications sub-committee could help this effort, directing residents to additional resources beyond just their curbside rollcart.

#### VIII. Sub-Committee Reports

- Recycling Committee

- There were more holiday lights recycled compared to last year. Emily Randel will share the totals when the last certificates of recycling arrive.
- Eight cities will participate in the environmental fair September 17.
- The recycling video is nearly finished and will be posted online.
- Recycle Right program kicked off on February 7. Volunteers helped put out tags.
- John Arnett shared a report on the battery recycling and requested help in sorting the batteries on Wednesday, February 9.

- Budget Committee Report

Emily Randel shared an updated proposed budget for 2022. She shared that the Sustainability Commission tablecloth was not invoiced in time to be purchased in 2021. If necessary, some of the expenses that could be logical for City funds such as signage in the native planting bed at City Hall could be shifted to accommodate the tablecloth purchase in 2022.

The three new members need new name badges. Andy Hyland moved to approve \$37.50 for three new member name badges. Terri Baugh seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- Communications Committee

Andy Hyland, Mike Patterson and Lauren Reiter-Schmid met over Zoom and established an audience, targeting those people who are likely to agree with the efforts of the Commission. There is a real need to raise awareness of the efforts of the Commission and to provide calls to action such as attending the environmental fair.

- Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Update

Brian Scott plans to share an update on the Comprehensive Plan draft at the March Sustainability Commission meeting.

IX. Council Liaison Update

Councilmember Kring asked suggested highlighting the sustainable actions small business have implemented. She shared that she will be sharing news about the Sustainability Commission at the National League of Cities conference in March in Washington, D.C.

X. City Updates

XI. Reminders and Announcements

Mike Patterson suggested that we share the sustainability plan and the onboarding process with our new members. Terri Baugh asked group members to share ideas of vendors who may wish to be present at the environmental fair.

XII. Review of Action Items

Jacque Gameson shared a report from Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission. The Arbor Day poster contest theme was “Resilient Ecosystems” and the winning poster was submitted for competition. Jacque shared that there were 84 trees planted in 2021 as part of Mission’s 70<sup>th</sup> year celebration and mentioned that the Facility Conservation Improvement Program projects are going to be making major progress in the coming weeks at the PCC. he FCIP update. The City is still soliciting for additional members for the PRT from Ward II and Ward III. Terri Baugh will attend the next PRT meeting for the Sustainability Commission.

XIII. Adjourn

John Arnett moved to adjourn the meeting. Terri Baugh 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, March 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.