

MINUTES OF THE MISSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Monday, May 2, 2022 - 6:30 P.M.

City Hall

In attendance: John Arnett, Ramsey Attaria, Lynn Bain, Terri Baugh, Andy Hyland, Ellen Parker, Lauren Reiter-Schmid, Josh Thede

Council Liaisons present: Councilmembers Kring, Councilmember Thomas

Staff present: Emily Randel, Assistant City Administrator

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

I. Welcome and introductions

Josh Thede welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ellen Parker read the Mission and Vision Statement aloud.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Approval of the April 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Terri Baugh moved to approve the meeting minutes. Lauren Reiter-Schmid seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

IV. The Mission Preserve Sustainability Scorecard and Notification Letter

Josh Thede reviewed the process of working with the Mission Sustainability Scorecard. Andy Hyland read aloud the highlights from the letter to the developer. The recommendation is a silver rating with 62 points along with a recommendation for a higher rating with suggested changes.

V. Sustainability Moment

Terri Baugh shared a few photos from the Citywide Clean-up including a sign she posted on Foxridge Drive to deter litter and dumping near a street light. She was very encouraged by her group and by all the people who participated.

VI. Climate Action Task Force Update

Andy Hyland shared an overview of the plans for the group, and indicated the Climate Action Task Force members who also were also in attendance at this Sustainability Commission meeting including Emily Randel, Josh Thede, Jacque Gameson and Hillary Parker Thomas. The Task Force's initial meeting schedule includes Wednesday, May 11, May 19, and June 8.

Group representatives can be in communication between meetings to share out and may ask for support and feedback on particular items. Lauren Reiter-Schmid is interested particularly in Mission allowing for accessory dwelling units that support more density and provide residents

more options especially considering rising housing costs. She would also be supportive of code updates that support transit.

Josh Thede read through the policy groupings and asked for feedback before the May 11 Task Force meeting. Discussion followed about a few more policy recommendations and what would make implementation easier.

VII. Sub-Committee

- Recycling and Environmental Fair – Terri Baugh gave an update on the Environmental Fair including an overview of the fair budget and communication plan. John Arnett shared a battery recycling update.
- Communications Committee – Andy Hyland shared that the group has the beginnings of a calendar. April was an exciting month with the Summit and the KCUR Up to Date features. The next efforts may be around website content around the Climate Action Task Force as well as the Scorecard.
- Scorecard Committee – Josh Thede provided a brief update on the work around the Mission Preserve and a brainstorming from the meeting with connecting with Planning Commission and Community Development Department.
- Communities for All Ages Committee – Josh Thede shared that there is no report, but he wanted to get this sub-committee back on the agenda and wanted to remind the Communications Sub-Committee that there has been work done around communications for these topics.

VIII. Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission Update

Jacque Gameson shared praise for the Sustainability Commission's meeting format and professionalism. She gave a report out from the PRT retreat and shared about Arbor Day events including a poster presentation to the 5th Graders at Rushton Elementary. Tree ID signs will be installed at the Market site, Mohawk Park and the Broadmoor Park. Members complimented the recent Bunny Eggstravaganza event. Andy Hyland will attend the next Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission at 6 p.m. at the Community Center.

IX. Council Liaison Update

Councilmember Kring highlighted that Mayor Flora tied her comments State of the Cities to sustainability issues. The National League of Cities will hold their national conference in Kansas City in November. Councilmember Kring would like Mission's Sustainability Commission to present.

Councilmember Kring brought up the idea of doing a "House of the Quarter" to highlight residents who are using sustainability practices in their home.

Councilmember Thomas mentioned that in the recent “If I Were Mayor” poster contest, each poster included some reference to climate change themes and topics. It was inspiring to see those themes resonating so strongly with the younger generation.

The upcoming work session on May 25 will focus on Parks Sales Tax.

On a personal note, Councilmember Thomas shared that she recently purchased an electric Nissan LEAF and highly recommends one to others.

Both Councilmembers mentioned again that the Council Liaisons are now providing updates at City Council meetings and would welcome any recommendations from the Commission on what to share with the City Council. Ellen Parker asked about the status on the sustainability lens and a discussion followed. Emily Randel shared that staff is considering how to weave together the sustainability lens along with Communities for All Ages and Equity and Inclusion values in the work that comes to the City Council.

X. Staff Updates

Emily Randel shared an update on upcoming special events, the opening of the Mission Family Aquatic Center, the street program, the Rock Creek repair project and the Merriam Connected Corridor effort.

XI. Reminders and Announcements

May is Bike Month. Bike to School Day is May 4 and Bike to Work Day is May 20.

Josh Thede is on the Johnson County Transportation Council. He shared that the pilot projects coming forward including updates to the 500 express routes soon with quicker times including park and rides but with fewer stops at each end. There will be a new 487 route by the end of 2022. Micro transit is expanding the area served with a slight fare increase. Josh recently toured the Nolte Transit Center in Olathe to see the dispatch operations, maintenance, driver break areas and vehicle storage. The County Commission recently approved a few more staff for planning Johnson County Transit, but the branding will still include RIDEKC and Johnson County Transit. KCATA has two electric buses in service and there are future plans to add more to both the KCATA and JoCo Transit fleets.

XII. Review of Action Items

XIII. Adjourn

Ramsey Attaria moved to adjourn the meeting. Lynn Bain seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission will be in person at Mission City Hall on Monday, June 6, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.