

MINUTES OF THE MISSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Monday, July 11, 2022 - 6:30 P.M.

City Hall

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

Council Liaisons present: Councilmembers Debbie Kring, Councilmember Hillary Parker Thomas

Staff present: Emily Randel, Assistant City Administrator

Guests present: Charley Bain

I. Welcome and introductions

Josh Thede welcomed everyone to the meeting. The group members introduced themselves and Ellen Parker read the group's Mission and Vision Statement.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Sustainability Moment

The group shared ideas for a sustainability moment, but did not share one particular item over any others this month.

IV. 58Nall Sustainability Scorecard Discussion, John Moffitt, A Moffitt Company

Henry Klover spoke to the group about the background of the project, 77 units and elements of sustainability included in the plan such as the site location is close to the transit center in a walkable area, the plans call for landscaping with 50% native plants and 50% drought tolerant plants grouped together for similar water use with drip irrigation. They will be providing conduit for future EV charging stations, and will be using reduced lighting with LED fixtures in compliance with dark sky policies. There will be quality control with safety during construction, energy monitoring for the building envelope with R30 & R38 requirements for insulation. The stairwell and garage lighting will be on motion sensors and appliances will be EnergyStar with air infiltration and UV filtering for resident health. The roof will be a lighter gray to reflect more light. The project's sidewalks will extend beyond where they currently exist, which will increase walkability and reduce the need for car trips.

Josh Thede shared the group's goal of encouraging elements that are beyond the basic requirements of the building code.

Councilmember Kring asked about a traffic study. Mr. Klover shared that the City requested a traffic memo.

Andy Hyland asked what the project is doing to increase sidewalks. Mr. Klover answered that the sidewalk on the property is the extent of the effort. Andy Hyland confirmed that the bike storage will be indoor storage. Ellen Parker asked to confirm the appliances and their rating. Ramsey Attaria confirmed that there will be programmable thermostats.

Andy Hyland asked about rental rates. Those will be determined soon, but the goal will be to bring them online at a rate less than The Locale project.

Andy Hyland asked about recycling details. The goal will be targeted to recapturing cardboard and plastics, the most common and more easily recyclable materials.

Josh Thede summarized the scorecard scoring system. The development team estimates that the project would earn 1-2 Green Globe equivalent. They are conscientious of the price point, so they are reluctant to put in a lot of expensive elements. The development team prefers Green Globe for residential projects. They shared that it is very difficult to commission a residential building.

Councilmember Thomas joined the meeting.

Josh Thede asked the developer Universal Design layout as Type B unit which means they are modifiable and include a certain amount of room to get access to sink and washer and dryer.

V. 56th and Foxridge Sustainability Scorecard Discussion, Block, LLC

Rich Kniss presented an overview of the project that includes 307 units at 56th and Foxridge. There are walkout units that will create more activation for the area, the building will include high quality materials with activation of amenities of benches and other things that add to the area. Mr. Kniss emphasized the infill aspect of the project compared to developing on a new greenfield site. Bike parking will be available indoors along with a maintenance station as well as short-term parking on both sides of the project. They will be using high reflection roof and pavers. They will be increasing the pervious pavement a small amount, but are working with Public Works to deal with that element of the project and will be cleaning and treating their stormwater. The development team will do the energy modeling; no CSC refrigerants will be used and the project will install EnergyStar appliances with metering systems and will aim to have energy efficient mechanical systems but haven't decided exactly what will be determined there. No tobacco will be permitted onsite. LEED certification will be achieved, but not sure what level will be achieved.

The group had questions about the connection to the trail system both aspirational and existing, the pedestrian connections to Broadmoor Park, shade on the sidewalks and traffic safety. Andy Hyland confirmed that there will be a shared recycling room but the development team will be discussing what will work best with the building's operations team. The photometric study is still to come to ensure conscientious lighting.

There was discussion about the recycling and trash collection system and an exterior door for the pet spa to reduce wear and tear on the corridor finishes.

Josh Thede asked about Communities for All Ages. The project will have elevators and several Type B units that are adaptable. There will be large elevators and blocking that will allow for grab bars to be installed as needed, and ample room to move for example with a wheelchair.

The project team elaborated on the discussion about EV charging stations so that they are rotating, not reserved by unit.

The project team summarized that they are most proud of reusing the site which will activate that part of Mission with the surrounding businesses and the park and the underground parking will avoid an additional sea of parking, lowering energy usage and planning for expansion of EV charging.

Lauren Reiter-Schmid asked a final question related to parking whether it was more or less than is required by Code.

VI. Approval of the June 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes

John Arnett moved to approve the meeting minutes. Ramsey Attaria seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

VII. Action Item: Contribution to Native Plant ID Sign Purchase

Emily Randel reminded the group that the plant ID signs for the native plant bed in front of City Hall has been funded from City funds. Originally, the Sustainability Commission had been interested in contributing to the signage in the amount of \$315. Emily suggested that any amount would be acceptable, but she felt it was important some contribution was made so the Commission feels a sense of ownership for the signage.

Andy Hyland moved \$315 and Lauren Reiter-Schmid seconded. The motion passed.

The group considered funding the pickup for the drum of recycled batteries from Battery Solutions. Terri Baugh moved to approve the expenditure at \$941.23. Ellen Parker seconded the motion. The group discussed the process of recycling batteries and the potential to find a less expensive option and the popularity of the program. The motion passed.

VIII. Climate Action Task Force Update

Andy Hyland shared a review of the Task Force's work. The consensus of the group was that the recommendations should be more aggressive than first suggested. The group wants to take advantage of the current momentum around action. The next meeting will be tomorrow, July 12. The group will be targeting ambitious goals for future years including an emissions target. Councilmember Kring commented about the impact that the outcome of the election of the new Johnson County Board of Commissioners Chair will have on these efforts on a larger scale. Andy Hyland highlighted the impact that local actions will have in these efforts while there are changes at the federal level.

IX. Environmental Fair

Terri Baugh provided an overview of the fair planning progress and highlighted the sponsorships and asked for assistance providing contact information for the suggested vendors and volunteers for the recycling information booth. Hillary, Andy, Ellen, Lauren and Josh volunteered to support the table. Ellen will coordinate the volunteers for the booth with the goal of having two people at the table at all times. Terri Baugh would like request the full amount budgeted of \$150. The group will finalize that contribution during the budget review at the August meeting.

X. Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission

No one attended the most recent Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission meeting. John Arnett will attend the next PRT meeting on July 18. Emily Randel provided an overview of the Parks and Recreation sales tax renewal mail ballot election.

XI. Council Liaison Update

Councilmember Thomas shared an overview of the development projects coming forward, budget progress, design of 55th Street approval between Nall and Lamar. Construction in Mohawk Park will begin soon. The Council approved license plate readers for the police department.

Councilmember Kring shared about the open house for Rushton Elementary School reconstruction project. She also shared that tire recycling is a larger problem filling the landfills and that a creative reuse solution would be helpful.

XII. Staff Updates

Sustainability Commission decided to host the Community Tent at the July 21 Mission Market. Ellen Parker asked for help creating a QR code sign that directs users to the Sustainability Commission Strategic Plan document.

The group reviewed the Mission Summer Family Picnic and discussed the fireworks.

The Johnson Drive rehabilitation project is underway.

XIII. Reminders and Announcements

MARC is hosting a housing forum on creating Universally Designed and Affordable Housing Options on August 9 via Zoom. Please sign up and register if interested.

XIV. Review of Action Items

XV. Adjourn

Terri Baugh moved to adjourn the meeting. Lynn Bain seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission will be in person at Mission City Hall on Monday, August 1, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.