

## MINUTES OF THE MISSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Monday, September 12, 2022 - 6:30 P.M.

City Hall

In attendance: Ramsey Attaria, Terri Baugh, Andy Hyland, Ellen Parker, Mike Patterson, Lauren Reiter-Schmid, Josh Thede

Council Liaisons present: Councilmembers Debbie Kring

Staff present: Emily Randel, Assistant City Administrator

Guests present: Cindy Long, Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission

### 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

Cathy Boyer-Shesol sent photos of bike-friendly infrastructure from Copenhagen where she is currently travelling.

### IV. Sustainability Scorecard Discussion – Mission Vale, Koenig Building + Restoration

Emily Randel shared a few thoughts about recent discussion at the Community Development Committee meeting about when in the development process is the right time to asking developers to complete the Scorecard. The Commission is interested in hearing from the project early enough that there is still the chance for modifying the project to include more sustainable elements. The risk is that developers may represent their project with more included in the project at the outset – items that may be removed when incentive and costing decisions are finalized. The process allows for adjusting the final scoring after the project is completed.

Karman Williams, Project Manager with Koenig Building + Restoration presented on the Mission Vale project, a proposed development at 58th Terrace and Nall Avenue with 19 townhouse units with garages for each unit. Koenig built a similar project, Oxford Row, in Overland Park near 80<sup>th</sup> and Metcalf. The company will make efforts to include affordable fixtures and treatments to be able to control rental rates, but does build with high quality materials and trim packages and high levels of sound proofing between units. All appliances and heating will be electric. The property will have LED bulbs, EnergyStar appliances and programmable thermostats. There will be room for bicycle storage in the garages. Exterior lighting will shine downwards to avoid light pollution. The property will have a bench along the sidewalk, and Ms. Williams confirmed trees would be added to that area to provide additional shade. The group discussed the irrigation scheduling and encouraged the use of native and drought tolerant plants to minimize the need for irrigation. Waste

and recycling service is similar to single family home service. There are bathrooms on the ground floor of each unit, but all bedrooms are upstairs.

Outstanding questions: Ms. Williams will follow-up with more information on details on a few remaining questions including the stormwater detention methods, to what extent native or drought tolerant plants will be included in the landscaping plan and the type of air filter that is provided to the tenants upon move-in.

Emily Randel will share the Remodeling for Accessible Homes Guidebook via email to provide examples of how building modifications can accommodate residents with varying levels of mobility.

V. Approval of the August 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Andy Hyland moved to approve the meeting minutes. Ramsey Attaria seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

VI. Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission Update

The group agreed to move this item up on the agenda in order to accommodate Cindy Long's schedule.

Cindy Long shared an update from the Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission. She highlighted the efforts around of the current mail ballot election and Mohawk Park Construction. Josh Thede asked if the PRT would be interested in completing a Sustainability Scorecard. Cindy Long said she would share the idea with the PRT. The PRT will have a presence at the Environmental Fair with a theme of how parks benefits climate action.

VII. Environmental Fair

Terri Baugh shared gratitude for all the support and talent of the planning committee. She shared that there will be 49 companies and organizations participating. The committee had about ten additional vendors who were interested in coming but had limited staffing capacity and could staff a booth. There has been a lot of work behind the scenes and collaboration to go the extra mile to make the event even more successful. The group gave Terri Baugh a round of applause as she complimented the efforts for the whole planning committee.

Ellen Parker confirmed volunteers for the Sustainability Commission booth at the fair.

VIII. Johnson Drive Road Diet Party Planning

The group reviewed the plan to meet at Horizons High School's sign at the corner of Lamar and Johnson Drive for a short set of remarks and a ribbon cutting.

IX. Climate Action Task Force Update

Andy Hyland shared and Councilmember Kring confirmed that the presentation to the Community Development Committee in August was well-received. Emily Randel shared that a substantial amount of funds have been identified for climate projects in the 2023 budget including \$115,000

in specific items, and a balance of \$135,000 for other initiatives, totaling \$250,000. That does not include funding for other initiatives that are part of regular service delivery, but will contribute to Mission's climate goals. The first meeting of the Climate and Environmental Council will be September 30. Emily Randel is on the Council, representing Mission.

#### X. Sub-Committee Updates

- Communities for All Ages

There was no official update from the Communities for All Ages Sub-committee. An item highlighting the Remodeling for Accessible Homes Guidebook will be in the upcoming issue of the Mission Magazine.

- Recycling

Emily Randel shared that the battery recycling program has diverted two tons of batteries since the program began. This accomplishment will be noted in the next issue of the Mission Magazine.

- Communications

The sub-committee will reach out to Brandon Hearn at Johnson County Department of Health and Environment for final numbers from the Recycle Right program. The goal will be to review the Environmental Fair, the Recycle Right Program and the 2-ton milestone for the recycling program.

- Scorecard

Josh Thede will reconvene the sub-committee to review what was discussed on the Mission Vale project to produce a letter to be shared with the development team, the Planning Commission and City Council.

#### XI. Standing Updates

- Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission Update

See above.

- Council Liaison Update

Councilmember Kring shared updates on new materials for Public Works, Form Based Code revisions and kudos for the technical expertise.

- Staff Update and Budget Review

Emily Randel shared that Nilo Fanska would like to record a short video for social media with certain tips for how to place trash and recycling items. Terri Baugh volunteered to help, and Ellen Parker suggested that her children would participate.

Emily Randel shared that the Battery Solutions the Commission approved in August was \$740.86 instead of \$941.23 that was approved, but was actually just an estimated invoice, but not the final bill. The Sustainability Commission budget has \$685 remaining.

There is no need to vote to approve the expense for candy at the booth at the Environmental Fair because it will be provided by a generous donor.

#### XII. Reminders and Announcements

#### XIII. Review of Action Items

XIV. Adjourn

Terri Baugh moved to adjourn the meeting. Lauren Reiter-Schmid seconded the motion. The motion passed with one no vote from Andy Hyland. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission will be in person at Mission City Hall on Monday, October 3, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.