

## MINUTES OF THE MISSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

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

City Hall

In attendance: Ramsey Attaria, John Arnett, Lynn Bain, Terri Baugh, Cathy Boyer-Shesol, Ellen Parker, Mike Patterson, Lauren Reiter-Schmid, Josh Thede

Council Liaisons present: Councilmember Hillary Parker Thomas

Staff present: Emily Randel, Assistant City Administrator

Guests present: Jacque Gameson, 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

Emily Randel shared how the native plant sale hosted by Deep Roots at Anita B. Gorman Discovery Center on September 17 has grown over the past few years. Even watching City Roots Nursery and their growth over the same time frame is very encouraging. The plants will be sequestering carbon, breaking up clay soils and filtering stormwater all around the region.

### IV. Approval of the September 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Cathy Boyer-Shesol moved to approve the meeting minutes. Terri Baugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

### V. Go Green 2022! Environmental Fair Recap

Terri Baugh shared the highlights of the fair as well as particular thanks to John Arnett and Cathy Boyer-Shesol for their work on the committee and to Emily Randel for website support. There are plans to host a second fair on September 16, 2023. One lesson learned was that some attendees reported that they did not know there were two rooms, but they still had a great experience. The group estimated over 500 people attended. The committee gave great praise to the Parks + Recreation staff for their help with set-up and to Jennifer Jones-Lacy of Merriam for the effective marketing campaign.

Josh Thede shared thanks for those who staffed the Sustainability Commission table at the fair.

### VI. Climate Action Update: Climate and Environment Council Report

Emily Randel shared a report from the first Climate and Environment Council meeting at the Mid-America Regional Council. The Council will meet monthly to start in order to build momentum.

The group spent time suggesting ground rules and sharing hopes for their work. The group is expected to form smaller work teams to be more efficient in the work.

#### VII. Sub-Committee Updates

- Communities for All Ages – The current issue of the Mission magazine is featuring the Remodeling for Accessible Homes guidebook.
- Recycling – Adopt-a-Street Scheduling – Terri Baugh will send out an email to choose a Saturday morning litter pick-up on September 22 or September 29. Terri Baugh will be finishing up tasks from the Environmental Fair over the next two weeks and then will be looking into an alternative for battery recycling.
- Communications – Lauren Reiter-Schmid shared that the communication committee did not meet since the last meeting, but they will work with Emily on Recycle Right program for the next Mission Magazine issue.
- Scorecard – Review of Mission Vale Presentation – Josh Thede shared that the committee will craft a letter in response to the presentation.

#### VIII. Standing Updates

- Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission Update

Jacque Gameson shared admiration to everyone who worked on the Go Green 2022! Environmental Fair. She celebrated the passage of the renewal of the Parks + Recreation sales tax. The Commission is interested in establishing a fund for ongoing support of the parks, following the enthusiasm shown for purchase of the campaign yard signs with individual donations. The construction for Mohawk Park is underway. The Mission Summer Camp had a successful season with 178% cost recovery. A majority of the campers are non-Mission residents. Jacque Gameson shared news of the staff resignations of Craig Donner, Facilities and Maintenance Supervisor and Nick Shepherd, Recreation Programs Coordinator. She shared that the City has submitted another Land and Water Conservation grant application for improvements at Streamway Park. Councilmember Thomas stressed that the planned improvements can be phased.

Cathy Boyer-Shesol will attend the next Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission meeting to represent the Sustainability Commission.

- Council Liaison Update

Councilmember Hillary Parker Thomas reported that the 2023 budget has been approved including a spend of the General Fund \$1.3 million to invest at the parks and deferred projects and streets and climate action projects. Several development projects are in progress presenting planning updates to the Council. Councilmember Thomas shared additional updates on the pavement marking project, sidewalk repair and other current projects.

- Staff Updates

- Road Diet Celebration Debrief and Coverage

Emily Randel provided a recap of the event on September 12, and praised the coverage the event received including the local news, the America Walks newsletter and social media.

- Food Cycle Compost Drop-Off

Food Cycle has approached the City about establishing a drop-off location for bin drop-off when the Mission Market is not hosting them weekly. The group discussed different locations for a drop-off, and possible coordination with Ripple Glass.

- Job Openings

The City is hiring for morning and daytime lifeguards, a Facilities and Maintenance Supervisor, a Recreation Program Coordinator and an Assistant Public Works Superintendent.

- Nelson Treatment Plant Open House

Johnson County Wastewater is hosting an open house on Thursday, October 6 from 5-7 p.m.

- Development Project Update

The City now has posted a list of frequently asked questions on the website to help answer questions about the Gateway development. Updates on all the development projects are available at [missionks.org/currentprojects](http://missionks.org/currentprojects)

- Comprehensive Plan Update

Cathy Boyer-Shesol asked for a status update on the Comprehensive Plan. Staff has recently received a second round of drafts from Confluence and owes comments back to the consultant.

IX. Reminders and Announcements

X. Review of Action Items

XI. Adjourn

John Arnett moved to adjourn the meeting. Terri Baugh seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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