

MINUTES OF THE MISSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

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

City Hall

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

Council Liaisons present: Councilmember Debbie Kring

Staff present: Emily Randel, Assistant City Administrator

Guests present: Anne O'Leary, Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission, Terry Robbins, Resident of Shawnee

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(s)

Terri Baugh shared that she was able to give her Smart Recycling presentation at her church for around 40 people and felt it was well-received.

Josh Thede was given the microphone at his block party over the weekend, and spoke about Sustainability Commission for five minutes and covered climate action, the Sustainability Scorecard and Mission's battery recycling program.

Cathy Boyer-Shesol shared about her trip to Sweden and how all the short-term rentals provided separate containers for recycling, food waste and detailed instructions of what to do with waste.

IV. Approval of the October 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

V. Climate Action Update

Emily Randel shared a number of updates on Climate Action activities.

- Climate and Environment Council Report – The CEC has had two meetings and will meet again in December. Emily will share the meeting summaries and guiding principles that the group developed.

- Greenhouse Gas Inventory RFP – The proposals are due on Tuesday, November 8. Emily will be coordinating review of the proposals with representation of the Climate Action Task Force and Sustainability Commission.
- Mid-America Regional Council Resilient Success Stories – The presentations will be Friday, December 9 at the Kauffman Foundation. Mission will be highlighted for their Facility Conservation Improvement Program.
- The Kansas Forestry Service is hosting Kansas Community Tree Canopies Workshops to share the results of a recent tree canopy assessment. The workshop is November 15 in Lenexa. If any member of the Commission would like to attend, please contact Emily.

VI. Sub-Committee Updates

- o Communities for All Ages – Cathy Boyer-Shesol provided an overview of the program and Mission’s involvement for the benefit of meeting guests. Cathy reviewed the communication plan in preparation for the meeting, and will plan on inviting a speaker from the Johnson County Area Agency on Aging to a meeting in the spring as well as from Johnson County Transit to speak on their strategic planning efforts.

Emily Randel presented at the First Suburbs Coalition on Mission’s Gold Communities for All Ages program.

The Accessible Home Remodeling Guide was featured in the last Mission Magazine.

- o Recycling – Terri Baugh reported that the holiday light recycling will begin November 15 at the Community Center and Mack Hardware. The cost will be \$100/pick-up with the expectation of two pick-ups at each location before collection ends January 15.

Andy Hyland moved to spend up to \$500 on holiday light recycling for 2022-2023. Lauren Reiter-Schmid seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Terri Baugh reported that the most recent Adopt-A-Street work day went well.

- o Communications – Andy Hyland shared that the next magazine article will be a summary of the Recycle Right program.
- o Sustainability Scorecard – Josh Thede shared that the committee reviewed the Mission Vale via email. The current project proposal would earn a bronze level recognition, but the letter will suggest additional items that would earn them a silver level if they chose to implement them. Superior walkability and access to downtown commercial and transit service and use of EnergyStar appliances and programmable thermostats and above average soundproofing in the building.

Recommendations: Water Sense standards and Universal Design standards and enhanced onsite stormwater retention.

VII. Standing Updates

- Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission Update – Anne O’Leary is excited about the progress being made in Mohawk Park. Work will need to continue beyond the Phase I improvements of just the pavilion, bathrooms and parking lot.

Parks + Recreation staff and volunteers are gearing up for holiday events. The next meeting is Monday, November 14 at 6 p.m.

- Council Liaison report – Councilmember Kring shared that there will be a Gateway Special Meeting Monday, November 21 and the National League of Cities City Summit will be November 17-19.

Councilmember Kring sits on the Johnson County Solid Waste Commission but due to City meeting conflicts, is considering asking for a replacement. They meet the 2nd Wednesday every other month. The group informs the Johnson County Board of Commissioners and the JoCo Department of Health and Environment in their decision making.

Councilmember Kring will be out of town for the February meeting.

- Staff Updates – Emily Randel will send the Proposed 2023 Legislative Platform for the group’s review. Please share feedback with Emily by Monday, November 21.

Emily Randel recently spoke with Karen Ramsey at Food Cycle KC and brainstormed ideal locations for a weekly compost drop-off outside of the Mission Market season and also discussed pumpkin recycling. The group agreed to plan for pumpkin recycling following Halloween 2023.

The Mission Police is challenging Consolidated Fire District No. 2 to a cereal challenge to collect the most cereal for local families. If interested, please drop cereal donations by November 15 at 4 p.m.

Holiday Lights and Festive Sights will be Friday, December 1 from 6-8 p.m. downtown.

VIII. Reminders and Announcements

- Terri Baugh shared that the Go Green! Environmental Fair will return in September 2023. The members of the steering committee will be returning to their roles.
- Terri Baugh would like to offer another Smart Recycling workshop in spring of 2023.
- Reminder to Vote! Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

IX. Review of Action Items

X. Adjourn

Terri Baugh moved to adjourn the meeting. Cathy Boyer-Shesol seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission will be in person at Mission City Hall on Monday, December 5, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.