

MINUTES OF THE MISSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Monday, February 6, 2023 - 6:30 P.M.

City Hall

In attendance: John Arnett, Ramsey Attaria, Lynn Bain, Terri Baugh, Andy Hyland, Ellen Parker, Mike Patterson, Josh Thede

Council Liaison present: Councilmember Hillary Parker Thomas

Staff present: Emily Randel, Deputy City Administrator

Guests present: David Smith, Roeland Park Sustainability Commission; Angela Vandegriff Mission Parks and Recreation Commission

I. Welcome and introductions

Ellen Parker welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked an ice breaker question of how long everyone have lived in Mission. Ellen Parker read the group's Mission and Vision Statement.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Sustainability Moment(s)

The group discussed the "Sink Twice" toilet tank cover that is a faucet that goes on the top of the toilet. It allows a person to wash hands with the water that is filling the toilet tank.

IV. Approval of the January 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Josh Thede moved to approve the meeting minutes with the correction of one name mentioned in the original draft. Terri Baugh seconded the motion. The Commission approved the motion.

V. Commission Organization

Ellen Parker reviewed the Commission's presentation to the Community Development Committee last week and discussed the Commission's 2022-2023 strategic document.

The group discussed the intention to focus on adding members from underrepresented groups to the Commission, including business membership and residents living in multi-family housing.

The group agreed that the document still reflects the highest priorities of the Commission. Andy Hyland reminded the group that this strategic goals document was designed to serve a two-year cycle. He proposed a retreat in the fall of 2023 to prepare a new document or refresh the existing document.

The group confirmed roles on the commission's sub-committees, summarized below.

VI. Budget Development for 2023

Andy Hyland shared an overview of the proposed Commission budget for 2023. The group discussed registrations for the Climate Action KC Summit and other events, scorecard recognition plaques, meeting expenses, holiday light and battery recycling.

Andy Hyland moved to approve the proposed budget with one change to move \$50 from the SC related items to the holiday light pick-up project. Ramsey Attaria seconded the motion. The Commission approved the motion.

VII. Climate Action Update

Emily Randel shared recent activities around Climate Action including data gathering for the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory.

Emily requested help in structuring the energy audit grant program for 2023. Andy, Mike, Lynn, Josh, Terri and Ellen volunteered to help on a Zoom meeting soon. Councilmember Thomas suggested that at least one multi-family unit be included in the program as a demonstration for the impact it might make Mission's many multi-family properties if implemented on a larger scale.

Staff is still working through the 18 Climate Action Plan Task Force Recommendations. The work has been delayed due to work on the Greenhouse Gas Inventory, but should be presented soon.

Staff recently conducted interviews of the two responding firms for the Planning Sustainable Places grant to explore possibilities for the Rock Creek Corridor. There is a second round of funding available and staff applied to use some of that money for a comprehensive bike and pedestrian plan for the City.

Emily shared that Councilmember Thomas heard a question at the recent Ward meeting about recycling options at multi-family properties. Emily shared a summary of the discussion at the Climate Action Plan Task Force. Concerns about space for additional dumpsters, contamination rates, and the political difficulty of mandates. There is also the consideration of what Johnson County might soon require based on landfill capacity issues. It may be that the strongest impact could be to focus on glass recycling or composting for these properties.

VIII. Sub-Committee Updates

- Communities for All Ages

(Cathy Boyer-Shesol, John Arnett, Ellen Parker) No report

- Recycling

(Terri Baugh, Josh Thede, Mike Patterson, Lynn Bain)

Terri Baugh shared that the Holiday Light Recycling program concluded on January 15 and was successful. The date for the 2023 Environmental Fair has been set for September 23, 2023, 9 a.m.-noon. Terri Baugh would like to host a Smart recycling workshop at the Community Center in late March. The group will discuss the specific date and a communications plan.

- Communications

(Andy Hyland, Lauren Reiter-Schmid, Mike Patterson)

Andy Hyland will create an article on micro-transit the next Mission Magazine.

- Sustainability Scorecard

(Josh Thede, Ramsey Attaria, Mike Patterson, Lauren Reiter-Schmid, Andy Hyland, Terri Baugh)
No report

IX. Standing Updates

- Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission Update

Andy Hyland and Angela Vandegrift reported on the recent PRT meeting. Mohawk Park Phase I improvements are on scheduled to be complete in April 2023. The Arbor Day Poster Contest posters were recently on display for voting at the PCC. John Arnett will attend for the Sustainability Commission on February 20 at the Powell Community Center.

- Council Liaison report

Councilmember Parker Thomas shared an update on recent City Council actions and discussions. She also thanked the Sustainability Commission for presenting at the last Community Development Committee and invited them to come back more often than annually.

- Staff Updates

Emily Randel shared that the Citywide clean-up date is set for Saturday, April 22 at Beverly Park from 9-11 a.m.

Terri Baugh brought up the issue of a compost drop-off location in Mission again and will reach out to Karen at Food Cycle to approach local businesses.

X. Reminders and Announcements

Josh Thede and Ellen Parker announced details about Wealth Day April 4 at the Kansas Capitol.

XI. Review of Action Items

XII. Adjourn

Josh Thede moved to adjourn the meeting. Lynn Bain seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission will be in person at Mission City Hall on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.