

## **MINUTES OF THE MISSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

Monday, May 1, 2023 - 6:30 P.M.

City Hall

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

Council Liaison present: Councilmember Debbie Kring, Councilmember Hillary Parker Thomas

Staff present: Emily Randel, Deputy City Administrator

Guests present: David Smith, Roeland Park Sustainability Commission; Jacque Gameson, Mission Parks and Recreation Commission, Kim Donaway, Mission resident

### **I. Welcome and introductions**

Ellen Parker welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited everyone to share an answer to an icebreaker question.

### **II. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **III. Sustainability Moment**

Terri Baugh shared that she had just heard about Kansas City Police training people to learn how to drive, so they can be eligible for insurance.

Lynn Bain shared about activities she is leading at her church including inviting members to pledge to not use plastic bags during the month of April. She also shared information about vegan cooking, food waste and composting.

### **IV. Approval of the April 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Andy Hyland moved to approve the meeting minutes. John Arnett seconded the motion. The Commission approved the motion.

### **V. Climate Action Update**

- **Energy Audit Grant Update**

Emily Randel shared an update about the energy audit grant program. The group reviewed the online sign-up form and discussed additional ways to select those residents who will receive an energy audit for their home. The program should emphasize that participants agree to receive communication and will allow for photos and information sharing throughout the program. The group discussed whether or not to allow those who do not own the property to participate and whether or not to gather information related to number of residents, the year of the home and whether any upgrades have already been completed in the home. The group recommended a question asking why the resident is interested in participating and adding a statement about the goal of the program.

- **Greenhouse Gas Inventory Community Workshop**

Emily Randel shared that the Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory will be completed this month. Rachel Meier from Lotus Engineering and Sustainability will present to the City Council at a work session at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17. Emily Randel would also like to host a community-facing event that would allow for the material to be shared with a broader audience. The goal of the event would be to educate and motivate the public about the connection between emissions and climate change and to inspire the attendees to think about what behaviors contribute to overall emissions. The group expressed support for the event and will help share information to promote it with the two weeks available before the date.

- Climate Environment Council

Emily Randel and Councilmember Hillary Parker Thomas shared updates on recent meetings of the Climate and Environmental Council.

## VI. Sub-Committee Updates

- Communities for All Ages

(Cathy Boyer-Shesol, John Arnett, Ellen Parker)

The committee did not meet since the April meeting and did not provide an update.

- Recycling

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

Terri Baugh shared about the Citywide Clean-Up that went well and the Smart Recycling Workshop had 19 participants, eight of whom heard about the event from the news piece from Great Day KC on Fox 4.

- Communications

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

The sub-committee will support promotions for the GHG emissions inventory reveal event.

- Sustainability Scorecard

(Josh Thede, Ramsey Attaria, Mike Patterson, Lauren Reiter-Schmid, Andy Hyland, Terri Baugh)

Josh Thede shared Sustainability Scorecard feedback related to the Waterworks Park with staff and the Stantec design team via email. The development team representing the proposed Swig drive-through franchise at Martway and Barkley will present to the Sustainability Commission in June. Emily Randel will request the completed scorecard from the team by May 30.

## VII. Standing Updates

- Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission Update

Jacque Gameson provided an overview of the sustainable elements that are being considered for the Waterworks Park design. The Mohawk Park project is progressing and a ribbon cutting date will be chosen soon. Jacque fielded a question about whether accessible playground equipment will be incorporated and confirmed that it will once the parks projects shift to the purchase of new playground equipment. She shared that the trail replacement in Broadmoor Park will take place soon. The group discussed the historic maintenance challenges related to the bioswale at

Broadmoor Park and highlighted the new Celebration Tree brochure and the new LED lights at Beverly Park.

- Council Liaison report

Councilmember Kring discussed a pedestrian crossing at Johnson Drive and Riggs. Councilmember Kring mentioned issues around additional multi-family projects proposed and the issues surrounding related parking. Councilmember Thomas shared about the upcoming joint meeting between the City Council and the Planning Commission on the update of the Comprehensive Plan. She also mentioned that the Mayor will be considering new Council liaison appointments. The group thanked her and Councilmember Kring for their time with the Sustainability Commission.

- Staff Updates

Emily Randel reminded the group to sign up for their membership for the Mission Family Aquatic Center. She shared that the UMKC student group that has been studying the Rock Creek Trail west of Woodson will be presenting their findings on May 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Powell Community Center.

#### VIII. Reminders and Announcements

Councilmember Thomas announced that the Climate Action KC Summit that will be held on September 9 at Rockhurst University.

Josh Thede shared that he will be completed an America Walks Kansas State Walking College Fellowship between now and September.

#### IX. Review of Action Items

#### X. Adjourn

John Arnett moved to adjourn the meeting. Terri Baugh seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission will be in person at Mission City Hall on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.