

## MINUTES OF THE MISSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Monday, August 7, 2023 - 6:30 P.M.

City Hall

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

Council Liaison present: Councilmember Debbie Kring

Staff present: Emily Randel, Deputy City Administrator

### I. Welcome and introductions

Ellen Parker welcomed everyone to the meeting and facilitated an icebreaker question.

### II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### III. Sustainability Moments

John Arnett passed around a photo of the recycling dumpster for that the City is sponsoring for business use. The ribbon cutting at the dumpster was a festive event.

Lynn Bain praised the new soap refill vendor at the Mission Market "Green Come True." They sell bulk soap to reduce plastic waste and their soaps are locally made with local products like Kansas lavender. They are based in Lawrence and also sell at the Overland Park Market.

Cathy Boyer-Shesol shared that the City providing curbside limb pick-up following the recent storms is a significant benefit to older adults aging in place who would have a difficult time dealing with the limb debris any other way.

### IV. Retreat Planning

Members should look for a scheduling poll to find a Saturday that will work for a fall retreat. Many shared satisfaction with the last Sustainability Commission retreat, but if anyone has feedback or suggestions, they should share those with Ellen. The retreat sub-committee will meet before the next Sustainability Commission meeting.

### V. Sustainability Scorecard Presentation: Residence at Rock Creek, Phase II, Sunflower Development Group

Banks Floodman with Sunflower Development Group shared details about the second phase project located just to the east of the Residence on Rock Creek project that is currently under construction. The new project would have 96 units, compared to the first building's 176 units. The developers would like to have the foundation work of the second phase project to be complete by the first quarter of 2024 to avoid disruption to Phase 1 residents who will be occupying units at that time. The new project would also have ground floor retail space. The discussion lasted an hour and covered many sustainability elements that were present in the first project including

solar and EV ready design, complementary access and orientation to the Rock Creek Trail, among others.

At this time, no units are being constructed to a level beyond ADA for accessibility or to Universal Design standards.

The building will be designed with a trash chute. The developers have found that a chute is much more efficient and tidy than a valet service that they have tried in other projects.

Banks will provide additional detail on stormwater management. Details on native plantings will come later in the project development.

Josh Thede asked Banks his favorite element of the project from the Scorecard. Banks answered that it is the location. Access to other parts of the region from this location is “really special” and lowers emissions just by nature of being so closely located to so many destinations.

Josh Thede reviewed the Scorecard process and shared that the sub-committee will review the materials and provide a proposed score for the project. John Arnett emphasized that the group will want to celebrate the first phase project when it is complete to increase awareness of the sustainability and affordability elements to the broader region.

#### VI. Approval of the July 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes

John Arnett moved to approve the meeting minutes. Mike Patterson seconded the motion. The Commission approved the motion.

#### VII. Sub-Committee Updates

- Communities for All Ages

Cathy Boyer-Shesol shared that the sub-committee met to review priority items from the Checklist, and Cathy and Emily Randel met to discuss City staff priority items. The list of the priority projects has been circulated by Cathy. John Arnett will be organizing a presentation in October from the Fire Marshall on the topic of pre-arrival instructions with the “Vial of Life” program.

- Recycling/Environmental Fair

John Arnett shared that the battery recycling is up 34% over this time last year. The program has diverted 470 lbs. of batteries compared to 350 lbs. by the end of July 2022.

Cathy Boyer-Shesol shared that planning for the Environmental Fair is progressing. There is a need for more models, especially children, for the thrift store fashion show. Ellen Parker will ask Terri Baugh, who was absent at the meeting, about the Sustainability Commission having a table at the Fair.

- Communications

Emily Randel shared that the next Mission Magazine newsletter will include the full updated recycling flyer, a preview of the energy audit program and a highlight about the greenhouse gas

inventory story map. The updated Mission Market parking map includes icons for bike parking. Josh Thede shared that the new Johnson County transit line, the 487, has opened and connects Mission, Prairie Village, Downtown Overland Park and Lenexa City Center.

- Scorecard

Josh Thede thanked the committee for their review of the latest two scorecards and shared that he will schedule a meeting before the next meeting to discuss today's presentation.

#### VIII. Standing Updates

- Park, Recreation and Tree Commission update

Ellen Parker shared that she discussed the process of purchasing a tree which is budgeted for 2024 with Penn Almoney. The Sustainability Commission leaned toward letting the PRT decide location and tree variety.

- Council Liaison Updates

Councilmember Debbie Kring visited Chicago last week and took the architecture boat tour and was interested to see two new high rise buildings even while more and more people are working remotely. She also remarked on the bike lanes network. She feels Mission would do well to have more bike lanes.

She shared that the last meeting of the Johnson County Solid Waste Management District met at the new household hazardous waste facility at 105<sup>th</sup> and Mastin. No appointment is needed to drop off items.

- Staff Updates

Emily Randel share that 28 people applied for the energy and weatherization program. She shared a philosophy for choosing who to select for the free audits. The priority will be to choose at least one home from each housing type category and then choose a home from each ward and from a variety of decades within each housing category.

Andy Hyland moved to recommend the selection philosophy as described. Lauren Reiter-Schmid seconded the motion.

Emily Randel, Andy Hyland and Josh Thede shared a report from the most recent Climate Action Plan Task Force meeting with ICLEI representatives. The group agreed that it is nice to partner with ICLEI through membership and contribute Mission's data, but there is a lot of prioritizing work that Mission stakeholders can engage in before taking more formal steps with ICLEI – certainly any that have an associated additional charge.

#### IX. Reminders and Announcements

The Climate Action KC Summit will be from 10-4 p.m. at Rockhurst University Saturday, September 9.

The Spot the Hot heat mapping exercise in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties will be happening soon. The specific date is dependent on temperatures. John Arnett will be volunteering and will share his experience at a future meeting.

X. Review of Action Items

XI. Adjourn

Andy moved to adjourn the meeting. Cathy seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission will be in person at Mission City Hall on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.