SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Sustainability Commission Agenda – November 2, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.
(Battery Sorting @ 5:30 p.m.)
Mission City Hall
6090 Woodson St, Mission, KS

- Welcome and Introductions
- Public Comment
- Sustainability Moment(s)
- Approval of the October 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes
- Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission Update (If PRT Member present)
    - Volunteer for PRT's Nov meeting – 11/9 at 6pm at PCC (Room E)
- Presentation from Bridging the Gap
    - Scott Wagner, Executive Director, will present on their new hard and soft plastics recycling facility
- Go Green! Environmental Fair Recap
- 2026 Budget Update and 2027 Budget Preview
- Sub-Committee Updates
    - Communities for All Ages
    - Recycling
    - Scorecard
    - Composting
    - Green Business Certification/Recognition
- Standing Updates
    - Council Liaison Updates
    - Staff Updates
        - KC Green Career Expo (3/26/27) - Does SC want to try and participate?
- Reminders and Announcements
- Review of Action Items
- Adjourn

MINUTES OF THE MISSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Monday, October 5, 2026 - 6:30 P.M.

Mission City Hall

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

In attendance: Alexa Root, Terri Baugh, Lynn Bain, Josh Thede, Ellen Parker, Jan Foletta, Cathy Boyer-Shesol, Mike Patterson, Jim Robins
Council Liaisons present: Josepha Haden Chomphosy, Ben Chociej
Staff: Justin Carroll
Guests: Jacque Gameson, PRT

- Welcome and Introductions

- Public Comment
    - None.

- Sustainability Moment
    - Lynn noted that some cities/counties in KS are proactively removing honeysuckle and charging residents for the remediation. This doesn't appear to be happening in Johnson County yet but she wanted to share that interesting approach. She hired Otto Environmental who removed honeysuckle and other invasive weeds at their residence.
    - Josh recently attended the Chiefs game in Las Vegas. He shared the picture of the plaque which noted Allegiant Stadium is a LEED Gold certified facility.
    - Alexa mentioned how she recently discovered Magpie Creative Reuse Collective. Magpie's mission is to collect and resell leftover and remnant material.

- Approval of the September 14th, 2026 meeting minutes
    - Cathy moved to approve the meeting minutes. Jim seconded the motion. The Commission approved the motion.

- Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission Update (If PRT Member present)
    - Jacque was present to give a PRT update. The highlights are included below.
        - The Beverly Park monument sign was repurposed and is now the Mohawk Park sign for the south entrance.
        - A local church group volunteered with planting a bunch of new milkweed in WaterWorks Park.
        - She mentioned the recent PCC annual closure and some of the improvements that were made.
        - An update regarding the 2026 Tree Drive. The hope next year will be to be more proactive to garner more interest with this and have members of SC help volunteer on tree delivery day.

- Terri did mention some concerns regarding recycling containers in city parks and at PCC. She asked that Parks look into modifying the lids on those containers to differentiate them from regular trash containers.

- Composting Discussion with KC Can Compost
  - Karen with KC Can Compost gave an overview of KC Can Compost and how the organization operates as well as discussing the pilot they did with Prairie Village.
    - Karen noted the key to composting is working to get it embedded in your community so folks are thinking about it and want to do it.
    - KC Can Compost helps with this by being a community based composting program.
    - The current KC can in Mission has diverted approx. 4,000 lbs of food waste over the last 2 years. This is a solid number considering the location has not really been promoted by KC Can Compost or the City.
  - Composting Sub-Committee Update
    - The group met for the first time and discussed ways to justify composting. Specific benefits they identified included: environmental, economic by creating green jobs, and less solid waste expenses for the City.
    - They would like to propose a pilot program that models Prairie Village and would include 2 Smart Can locations and asked Karen about the challenges with the PV program.
    - Karen stated the key is setting a solid foundation for the program to work. North Kansas City is starting a very small composting pilot with KC Can Compost and getting the word out is the key to success.
    - Karen also noted pricing would not be the same as the initial PV pilot program and should would start working on that proposal.

- Sub-Committee Updates
  - Communities for All Ages
    - Upcoming ADU workshop Justin sent out for anyone interested.
    - Revised checklist is imminent and will need to be assessed once made public to ensure Mission remains a gold level CFAA.

  - Recycling
    - Holiday light pickup will begin next month on 11/16 and run through 1/29 (the company who provides this service doesn't operate on weekends).

  - Scorecard
    - Mission Vale Phase II Scorecard has been finalized with a bronze rating. Josh will finalize the letter and share it out with the Commission.

  - Green Business Certification/Recognition
    - This Subcomm. had their first meeting and work is ongoing.

- Standing Updates
    - Council Liaison Updates

    - Staff Updates
        - Justin wanted to follow up the recent Council work session regarding solar panel installation at the PCC in conjunction with the upcoming roof replacement.
            a) Specifically, the City Council was interested in the SC weighing in on the project since in order to install solar panels at PCC the City would have to remove itself from the Renewables Direct program and pay an exit fee since the City would no longer meet its energy usage requirements.
            b) The RD program the City signed up for allows the City to utilize clean energy at all three facilities via wind power and the initial agreement lasts until 2030.
            c) The SC was uniformly in favor of pursuing the solar panel project even though it might be at the cost of participating in the Renewables Direct program which could impact the City's net zero goals. The solar project would be more tangible/visual proof of the City's commitment to sustainability.

- Reminders and Announcements
    - Alexa thanked everyone for voicing their support regarding the letter of support the Sustainability Commission submitted related to the Kansas Department of Transportation's Innovative Technology Grant Program. Mission Public Works is submitting a grant application for an automated brine production and storage system, along with brine spray systems for three of the City's snowplow trucks. The grant would provide this additional resource to help better serve the City's annual snow control efforts.

- Review of Action Items

- Adjourn
    - Josh moved to adjourn the meeting. Cathy seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission will be in person at Mission City Hall and on Monday, November 2nd, 2026 at 6:30pm.

Sustainability Commission Budget Line Item (01-09-215-04)	2026 Budget	2026 Actual
KC Climate Action Plan 2026 Event	$ -	$ -
Registration(s) – additional sustainability-related event(s) – local or national	$ 100.00	$ -
2 Scorecard plaques (est. $15 per)	$ 40.00	$ 30.00
SC Commission-related items (meetings, planning sessions)	$ 275.00	$ 191.64
Holiday Light P/U project	$ 500.00	$ 250.00
Battery P/U + Lithium bucket purchase (annual expense)	$ 700.00	$ 1,095.00
Recycling Sub-Committee expenses	$ 50.00	$ 15.99
1 tree – sponsored by Mission's Sustainability Commission	$ 300.00	$ -
Go Green 2025 Mission Sustainability Commission Sponsorship	$ 500.00	$ 500.00
ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability) Annual Subscription ($1,200 annual, split half with City)	$ 600.00	$ -
Communications Sub-Committee Expenses	$ 100.00	$ -
Service Recognition Pizza Party	$ -	$ 55.95
Total	$ 3,165.00	$ 2,138.58