

Sustainability Commission Minutes

Monday, September 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Mission City Hall

In attendance: Manny Trillo, Terri Baugh, Andy Hyland, Bill Nichols

Absent: John Arnett, David Greenlee, Steve Mulder

Guests: Sean Partain

Staff present: Emily Randel

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Approval of the August 8, 2016 minutes

Terri Baugh moved to approve the minutes, and Andy Hyland seconded the motion. The group passed the minutes.

III. Review of meeting with Roeland Park Sustainability Commission

Manny Trillo shared information from the meeting he attended of the Roeland Park Sustainability Commission. A member from the Prairie Village Environment/Recycling Committee attended as well. Representatives from the three city groups will discuss whether there is value to revive the periodic meetings that used to occur for regional coordination and information sharing.

The Roeland Park group has a city councilmember as a voting member of their group.

Roeland Park is planning to work with Better Block, an organization that coordinates planning demonstrations in public spaces. The spaces are altered to show alternative streetscape designs that may be better at accommodating pedestrians, cyclists, or otherwise improving underutilized space.

Roeland Park is also participating with [STAR Communities](#), (Sustainability Tools for Assessing & Rating Communities) sustainability framework and certification program. There is a cost to participate and would require widespread support in order to make the program worthwhile.

The annual Prairie Village Community Forum sponsored by the Kansas Natural Resource Council and the Prairie Village Environmental Committee and the Northeast Johnson County Sustainability Coalition will be October 6 at the Village Presbyterian Church.

Manny will contact Joan Leavens, the Coordinator of Sustainability and Community Engagement for the Shawnee Mission School District to see if she would like to attend a future meeting to update the Mission Sustainability Commission on her work.

IV. Review of meeting with BikeWalkKC

Emily Randel shared information from her meeting with staff from BikeWalkKC. The organization advocates for biking and walking in the Kansas City region and offers many different programs and services. Emily proposed the idea of hosting one of BikeWalkKC's Confident Cyclist trainings at the Community Center this fall, possibly in conjunction with some kind of mixer or other gathering for cyclist enthusiasts in the area. BikeWalkKC will also help the city with a bike drive, to gather bikes that can go to the holiday families the City adopts each year. The Sustainability Commission seemed supportive of the idea. Emily will share information about the planning of that event.

BikeWalkKC is also working to administer the LiveWell Johnson County grant that aims to reduce obesity and chronic disease in Johnson County residents through the funding of small scale infrastructure projects. Members of the Sustainability Commission supported the idea of extending a sidewalk from the Rock Creek Trail at Barkley to Broadmoor for access to the U.S. Post Office, Target, and the Mission Crossing Development. They also supported the idea of better signage and mile markers for the Rock Creek Trail. The group suggested walking the Rock Creek Trail before the October meeting to become more familiar with the whole length of it.

V. Battery Recycling Update

The battery sorting last month went quickly. This is a good system can be done in the future with relatively little effort. Emily Randel has not received a notice of improper shipping from the last box so far. Emily now has a new shipment of 5 boxes that should last the next several months.

VI. Bylaw approval

The group reviewed the changes that were made since the August meeting and voted to approve the revised bylaws, including new changes to remove mention of public hearings and to change 'Chairman' to 'Chair' and 'Vice-Chairman' to 'Vice-Chair.'

VII. Market Bucks Update

Emily Randel asked that this item be tabled until the next meeting. She is finalizing all the market numbers and will have an exact total for the group in October.

VIII. Sustainability Commission Budget Update

Emily Randel shared a budget update for expenses to date in 2016.

The total expenses in 2016 are:

Two original battery recycling boxes (Big Green Box): \$120 (Reported at the March meeting)

Drop-off battery recycling with Wholesale Battery, Inc: \$36 (Reported at the April meeting)

Sustainability Commission name badges: \$60 (Reported at the April meeting)

Big Green Box replacements (5): \$280 (Reported at the June meeting)

Big Green Box replacements (5): \$280 (Reported at the August meeting)

Sustainability Commission name badge for Steve Mulder: \$10 (Reported at the August meeting)

Contribution to concrete pads at market site: \$1,900

Sustainability Commission name badge for Sean Partain: \$10
Total remaining: \$2,304

IX. Projects for remainder of 2016

Bill Nichols requested that the Sustainability Commission consider funding the purchase and installation of a flagpole at the new park at Martway and Broadmoor. Emily Randel will price poles, and the group agreed that if they wanted to pursue this, it would be best to approach the Parks and Recreation Commission first.

X. New Business

Emily Randel shared that she attended a meeting at Horizons High School where students shared site designs they had created for adding plantings to the area around the high school's monument sign. The students selected native plants to reduce maintenance costs, water and pesticide useage and to provide habitat to butterflies and pollinators.

XI. Adjourn

Andy Hyland moved to adjourn the meeting and Terri Baugh seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The Sustainability Commission will meet on Monday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.