

## **Sustainability Commission Minutes**

Monday, October 3, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Mission City Hall

In attendance: David Greenlee, Manny Trillo, Steve Mulder, Bill Nichols

Absent: John Arnett, Terri Baugh, Andy Hyland, Sean Partain

Staff present: Emily Randel

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

### **II. Approval of the September 12, 2016 minutes**

Approval of the September minutes was postponed due to lack of quorum.

### **III. Joan Leavens, Coordinator of Sustainability and Community Engagement, Shawnee Mission School District**

Joan Leavens updated the group with the progress the district is making in five sustainability goals:

1. Gardens | Natural Areas | Facilities for Environmental Purposes
2. Education + Awareness | Student Involvement
3. Efficiency | Energy, Water, Recycling, Composting
4. Transportation Alternatives
5. Health + Well-Being

The goals were determined by students at a Youth Summit in March of 2016.

Joan Leavens mentioned that the community at Highlands Elementary School is interested in replacing a row of trees that once grew along the street there. She will be checking into that issue and possible grant funding for the trees. She is interested in finding other ways to work together and shared her contact information and a few educational materials.

### **IV. Review of the Rock Creek Trail Walk**

The walk was postponed due to light attendance. Emily Randel will try to find a different date that will work for the majority of the group.

### **V. Battery Recycling Update**

The battery box at the Community Center is overflowing again. Emily Randel will propose a date and time for sorting again for anyone who is interested in volunteering.

### **VI. Sustainability Commission Budget Update**

Emily Randel shared a budget update for expenses to date in 2016. She shared that Concrete Services, the contractor selected for the pad at the market site, had bid the job originally at

\$3,800, but ended up charging \$3,400. The Sustainability Commission will still just pay half of that, \$1,700.

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)

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

Contribution to concrete pads at market site: \$1,700

Sustainability Commission name badge for Sean Partain: \$10

Total remaining: \$2,504

## **VII. Projects for remainder of 2016**

The group discussed the installation of a flagpole at Legacy park. Bill Nichols shared that he has found one cost estimate for a 40' pole costing \$2,500, but he needs to do more research and thinks that a 50' pole may be necessary for the flags to be visible from Metcalf Avenue. The group discussed seeking outside funding support from groups or individuals interested in hosting a flag at the park. Bill Nichols and David Greenlee both volunteered to approach the Parks and Recreation Commission at a time when more information is known about the project costs.

## **VIII. New Business**

No new business was discussed.

## **IX. Adjourn**

The meeting ended at 7:35 p.m.

**The Sustainability Commission will meet on Monday, November 7 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.**