

Sustainability Commission Minutes
Monday, February 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
Mission City Hall

In attendance: Manny Trillo, John Arnett, Terri Baugh, David Greenlee, Andy Hyland, Steve Mulder, Bill Nichols

Absent: Sean Partain

Staff present: Emily Randel

Guests: Kyle Rogler, City of Roeland Park Planning Commission

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Approval of the January 9, 2017 minutes

John Arnett moved to approve the minutes. Bill Nichols seconded the motion. The group approved the minutes.

III. City of Roeland Park Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Report

Kyle Rogler, City of Roeland Park Planning Commissioner and Chair of the city's Bicycle Safety Ad Hoc Committee and Pedestrian presented to the group on the Committee's report completed in 2016. The creation of the committee came about as a result of several development opportunities coming up within Roeland Park. The Mayor and Governing Body were interested to know what needs existed for walkability and mobility that might be addressed as part of the upcoming development projects. The City is working on these issues in several ways through the Communities for All Ages program, partnering with BikeWalkKC, Bike to School Day, and a grant through LiveWell Johnson County. Kyle recommended that Mission look at the regional existing bike ways plan and note any gaps that might exist. He also recommended a project with [Better Block](#), an organization that can temporarily modify a public space or road to show how to improve it for walking or biking or different types of vehicular use.

The group agreed to review the report in more detail and come to a future meeting with thoughts about any possible next steps. One idea is begin with a S.W.O.T. analysis of Mission's bicycle and pedestrian safety, which was one of the first activities of the Roeland Park Committee.

IV. Election of 2017 Chair and Vice-Chair

Terri Baugh nominated John Arnett for 2017 Chair and Andy Hyland seconded the motion. The motion passed. Terri Baugh nominated Andy Hyland as the 2017 Vice-Chair and David Greenlee seconded the motion. The motion passed. The group expressed interest in setting the precedent that the Vice-Chair would become Chair in the following year.

V. Review of Sustainability Scorecard

Terri Baugh shared the results of her using the Sustainability Scorecard with Barry Wiser at The Bar about their recent expansion. The group thought it would be helpful to retroactively talk through the project, as a "test" of how the Scorecard performs for a redevelopment project. It

was clear that there were many items that did not apply to the project and possibly some that might apply, but the intent or meaning of the item was not clear. John Arnett and Emily Randel agreed to meet before the March meeting to talk about some definitions that may improve the clarity for the Scorecard. Emily also brought up the idea of adding a narrative space, where a project owner could describe the sustainable choices and considerations s/he was making through the course of the project.

In spreading the word about the Scorecard to more businesses and projects in the community, the group emphasized one-on-one relationships, word of mouth, and keeping on top of projects as soon as they come about, to work with the project owners as early in the process as possible.

The sub-committee that met to discuss the Scorecard recognition award design, Terri, Andy, and Steve reported back. They had pricing available for a standard wooden plaque with a background color that can match the award level, (Gold, Silver, Bronze) or an acrylic option for a price range of \$37.28 - \$58.78 depending on the material and size.

VI. Budget brainstorming for 2017

The group agreed to move this topic to the March meeting agenda.

VII. Proposal to create a sustainability award for member of Mission's Police Department

Bill Nichols introduced this idea to recognize good works done to improve Sustainability by a Mission Police Officer. The group agreed to look for these activities, by someone in the Police Department or possibly within another City department, with the possibility of recognizing the employee at City Council meeting.

VIII. Battery Recycling Update

The battery recycling program has diverted 339 pounds of batteries from the landfill so far. The group prepared the ninth box for shipping. There are still three boxes paid for but not yet returned. The program has cost a total of \$716 since beginning in February 2016.

IX. Sustainability Commission Budget Update

Emily Randel shared that there have been no expenditures in 2017.

X. New Business

Emily Randel shared that a local student was interested in speaking at a future Sustainability Commission meeting about her project for Girl Scouts regarding education about raising urban chickens.

XI. Adjourn

Andy Hyland moved to adjourn the meeting. Manny Trillo seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

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