

## **Sustainability Commission Minutes**

Monday, August 7, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Mission City Hall

In attendance: John Arnett, Terri Baugh, David Greenlee, Andy Hyland

Guest: Josh Thede, Ward II resident

Staff present: Emily Randel

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

Chair John Arnett welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **II. Approval of the July 10, 2017 minutes**

Andy Hyland moved to approve the minutes. Terri Baugh seconded the motion. The group approved the minutes with the change of showing David Greenlee as having missed the July meeting.

### **III. Review of Community Dialogue on the Budget July 26**

John Arnett and Emily Randel shared feedback on John's presentation of a brief statement at the July 26 Community Dialogue on the Budget. John represented the Sustainability Commission requesting funding to add recycling bins everywhere there is a trash receptacle without a recycling bin in Mission's parks. This recommendation does take into account that Public Works and others may have information and additional feedback of the usage, and placement of particular bins. John also shared in his presentation that the Sustainability Commission was willing to fund the purchase of the three remaining recycling bins to go with the trash cans that do not have an accompanying recycling bin already in the downtown area of Johnson Drive.

The presentation seems to have been received well. Councilmember Kring requested the total number of cans still needed in the parks. It did seem to demonstrate that there could be a role for more formal input from the boards and commission in future budget development processes. Following the meeting, John did an inventory of the parks, and created diagrams showing the trash cans and other amenities in each park. Adding additional recycling capability aligns well with the work of the Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission, focusing on park amenities as described as a priority in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

### **IV. Define projects, action items, and timelines coming from goal document from July 10 meeting**

Andy Hyland shared copies of the revised goals document. Josh Thede shared support of the document and how it represented both current projects and future goals. The document is meant to guide the Commission, but also is meant to represent the group's work to an external audience as well. The Sustainability Commission anticipates presenting progress on the goals to the City Council in January or February of 2018 in keeping with their goals of better visibility and alignment with other City efforts.

A few of the anticipated activities based on the goals document:

Terri Baugh is interested in helping expand recycling efforts, and would like the Sustainability Commission to host a weekend at the Community Tent at the Mission Farm and Flower Market. The group tentatively chose October 14. Terri will also be continuing to support the Mission Business Partnership in expanding commercial recycling services in the fall, after the Sunflower Festival.

Emily Randel will reach out to the staff at BikeWalkKC to see about hosting another Handlebar Happy Hour and bike drive for the holiday adoption program.

The Sustainability Commission can champion and promote the new bikes lanes that will be coming to Lamar Avenue through the Safe Routes to Schools Program.

The members will continue to support the Mission Farm and Flower Market, with several members volunteering at the Information Tent, and hanging posters, etc.

The City will apply for Gold Recognition through the Mid-America Regional Council's Communities for All Ages program by November 1st. The Sustainability Commission can review current activities and the other requirements for recognition at the gold level at a future meeting.

An assignment: Every member of the Sustainability Commission should review the Parks Master Plan to become more familiar with the information included in the plan, and to look for opportunities for how the Sustainability Commission can collaborate with the Parks, Recreation, and Tree Commission.

Finally, the group discussed hosting a type of "Future Forum" with guided conversations about Mission's future with the other board and commission members, the City Council, and community members.

**V. Finalize plan for recycling monitoring for Sunflower Festival August 25**

Terri Baugh will coordinate volunteers for monitoring the recycling bins at the Sunflower Festival. There will be clear bags in racks marked with the recycling symbol to emphasize recycling.

**VI. Formal vote for recycling bins on Johnson Drive**

The group had a formal vote on the purchase of the three recycling bins to be installed in the downtown area of Johnson Drive at an estimated cost of \$2,448.91. Andy Hyland spoke in support of the purchase, saying it demonstrated the Sustainability Commission's commitment to expanding recycling service in Mission's public areas, following the Commission's request to the City Council to do the same.

**VII. Battery recycling update**

Emily shared the battery recycling tracking sheet. Since February 2016, the program has turned in 688 pounds of batteries for recycling and spent \$1,267 on 22 battery boxes. Andy Hyland expressed support for the program, suggesting that the Commission continue funding it until demand slows.

**VIII. Budget Review**

Purchase	Cost	Month Reported
Big Green Box replacements (5)	\$261	April - Reported mistakenly as \$252
Battery Sorting Disposable Gloves (40)	\$5.76	April
D’Bronx Pizza for May 8 Retreat	\$68.50	May
HyVee Snacks for Cycling Class #1	\$29.94	June
HyVee Snacks for Cycling Class #2 and #3	\$27.34	July
Big Green Box replacements (5)	\$290.00	August
TOTAL SPENT: \$682.54		
TOTAL REMAINING: \$4,317.46		

**IX. New Business**

There was no new business.

**X. Adjourn**

Terri Baugh moved to adjourn the meeting. Andy Hyland seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:01 p.m.

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