

MINUTES OF THE MISSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Monday, January 6, 2020 - 6:30 P.M.

Mission City Hall

In attendance: John Arnett, Cathy Boyer-Shesol, David Greenlee, Andy Hyland, Sean Partain, Alexis Penny, Zora Stewart-Jones, Josh Thede, Manny Trillo
Council Liaisons present: Councilmember Sollie Flora, Councilmember Debbie Kring
Staff present: Emily Randel, Assistant to the City Administrator

I. Welcome and introductions

Josh Thede welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Approval of the December 2, 2019 meeting minutes

John Arnett moved to approve the December 2, 2019 meeting minutes. Andy Hyland seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. Old Business

- Holiday Lights and Festive Sights Event Recap - 5 minutes

Cathy Boyer-Shesol staffed the table, and would be willing to help brainstorming for future events. The trivia game has been found, and could have helped with interactions if it had been available. Alexis Penny has a new compost sorting game, that may encourage more interactions. Being in the gym makes interaction difficult due to noise.

- USGBC Green Building Policy Event Recap - 5 minutes

No one attended the event from the Sustainability Commission, but Josh Thede asked Jennifer Gunby, the presenter, if the presentation differs from the one that she presented to the Sustainability Commission. She said the presentation has been revised and updated.

- America Walks Webinar Recap - 5 minutes

No one participated in the webinar. Emily Randel will continue to share relevant opportunities from America Walks, and will share information from the webinar if it is available. The next conference is in St. Louis in March 2020. David Greenlee recommended that the conference be added to the February meeting agenda. Emily Randel will share the link to the conference.

- Communities for All Ages Professional Network Dec. 13 Event Recap - 5 minutes

John Arnett and David Greenlee attended the event as well as Emily Randel., Brian Scott, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director and Police Chief Ben Hadley also attended. Richard Duncan, Executive Director of the RL Mace Universal Design Institute spoke and addressed ways to design homes and neighborhoods to go beyond ADA. David Gress, Economic Development Director for the City of Raymore spoke on Raymore's work around a pilot initiative for a new home built with Universal Design elements. The house will be available for a field trip to see the house as it is in development. Ann Marie Kinerk who led two Universal Design park charrettes in the region in 2015 may be available to speak to the Sustainability Commission or a larger group about Universal Design concepts. Councilmember Flora

suggested that the concepts be considered while the master plan for Mohawk Park is developed.

- Holiday Lights Recycling Program Update - 5 minutes

Terri Baugh shared via email ahead of the meeting that there are many strands of lights in both the collection boxes located at Mack True Value Hardware Store and at the Community Center. The boxes will be available until January 17 and the group expects at least two pick-ups from each location. The company will charge \$50 for each pick-up, so there will be an estimated charge of at least \$200. Terri Baugh will see if both locations will allow the boxes to stay in place longer.

- Update on Retreat Goal Setting - 20 minutes

The ad hoc committee has continued to work on the retreat goal setting work. The group includes Alexis Penny, Josh Thede, David Greenlee and Andy Hyland. The group has developed six categories for the Commission's focus:

- Materials/Waste Stream
- Policy
- Education
- Budget Allocation & Review
- Natural Resources
- Community

Cathy Boyer-Shesol suggested adding "grow up and grow old" into the second vision statement. The group agreed to add that wording.

The working group sorted the brainstormed items by categories, and paired down by similarities. Each item was assigned an effort value and an impact value on a scale of 1-10. The idea is to sort the list and identify goals to take on in 2020, in three years from now and in five years from now. The goals will be accompanied by a mission/vision/focus document, that highlights the top priority goals for the year.

Andy Hyland reiterated that each idea suggested at the retreat is represented in some fashion in this idea sheet. Alexis Penny will send out the sheet for feedback, and instructions for how to prioritize work in response. Josh Thede emphasized the request for any and all feedback by January 27th to prepare in advance of the February 3 Sustainability Commission.

IV. New Business

- Recycling Information Flyers - 10 Minutes
 - WCA Flyer Corrections

Josh Thede recommended that this item be tabled until Terri Baugh is present to go over her meeting with Tom Coffman and Sadie Gardner of WCA.

- Door Hangers

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is still available to help with the design of the hangers once the information is confirmed.

- Climate Action KC Playbook - 10 minutes

The group shared their feedback on the Climate Action KC Playbook. Everyone agreed that the publication and the launch event were both very well done and there is a lot of action to consider. Councilmember Flora shared the Climate Action KC will be hosting an event for elected officials interested in learning more or connecting about the Playbook at The Bar in Mission on January 16. If anyone on the Sustainability Commission would like to volunteer for check-in and sign-up, they should let Sollie know.

- Preparing for Community Development Committee Presentation - 5 minutes

In the past, the outgoing and incoming chairs have led the presentation. Andy Hyland is available to help with messaging if it would be helpful. Emily Randel mentioned that the City Council will be having a retreat with the City's leadership team following the Community Development Committee meeting. It will be a good time to have the Sustainability Commission's priorities available for the Council's discussion in weighing project priorities for the year.

V. Reminders and announcements

- Josh Thede presented Manny Trillo with a card of appreciation for his years of service on the Sustainability Commission. The group recognized him with a round of applause.
- There will be a LEED for Cities webinar on Jan 10, 2020, 2 p.m. on buildings and infrastructure.
- The next First Suburbs Coalition meeting will be January 17th, 8:00 a.m. at Gladstone City Hall.
- Reminder that the Sustainability Commission will be voting to select a Chair and Vice Chair at their February meeting. Recently, the Vice Chair has been assumed to be the automatic nominee for the Chair. Both roles have recently been rotating on an annual basis. If anyone would like to be nominated for the role of Vice Chair for 2020, please let another member know so s/he may nominate you, or you may nominate yourself at the February meeting.
- Emily Randel shared that there will be a proposal before the City Council this month to formally disband the Capital Improvement Program Committee. The group thanked John Arnett for his work representing the Sustainability Commission on that group.
- Penn Almoney is getting bids on placing water bottle filling station where the two cuspidors are now on the south end of the building, on the 1st and 2nd floors.

VI. Review of action items

- Emily Randel will share America Walks summit information
- Alexis Penny will send an email on goals document, with incorporated edits, and next steps for sharing feedback/reactions.
- S.C. members should plan to send feedback on goals document, following Alexis' instructions.
- Andy Hyland will coordinate a sub-committee to conduct a review of Mission 2019 Council items to review for ways a Sustainability Lens was or could be applied. Alexis Penny also interested in participating.
- Members should plan to watch Jeopardy Greatest of All Time

VII. Adjourn

Manny Trillo moved to adjourn the meeting. Cathy Boyer-Shesol seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission will be on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Mission City Hall.