

## MINUTES OF THE MISSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Monday, February 3, 2020 - 6:30 P.M.

Mission City Hall

In attendance: John Arnett, Terri Baugh, Cathy Boyer-Shesol, David Greenlee, Andy Hyland, Sean Partain, Alexis Penny, Josh Thede

Council Liaisons present: Councilmember Sollie Flora, Councilmember Debbie Kring

Staff present: Emily Randel, Assistant to the City Administrator

Guests present: LeNora Berg, Hannah McFarland

### I. Welcome and introductions

Josh Thede welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### II. Approval of the January 6, 2020 meeting minutes

David Greenlee moved to approve the January 6, 2020 meeting minutes. Sean Partain seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### III. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Josh Thede shared that per the bylaws, the elections will follow the appointments and reappointments in January City Council. In recent years, the positions have been one year terms and recently, the vice chair has been the assumed chair the following year. Josh shared that he has enjoyed serving, but will be stepping down.

Terri Baugh moved to elect Alexis Penny as chair. Cathy Boyer-Shesol seconded the motion. The motion passed without discussion.

The group thanked and applauded Josh Thede for his service.

Alexis Penny opened the floor for nominations for the position of vice-chair. John Arnett nominated David Greenlee and Terri Baugh seconded the motion. The motion passed without discussion.

### IV. Old Business

#### o Holiday Lights Recycling

Terri Baugh shared that the program was well received both by the public and the staff at Mack and Mack has agreed to do it again in 2020-2021. Emily Randel shared the following information about pounds diverted from the landfill. The five pick-ups each cost \$50 so the cost to the Sustainability Commission will be \$250.

Pick-Up Date	Location	Pounds Diverted
12-24-19	Mack True Value	102
12-24-19	Sylvester Powell, Jr. Community Center	110
1-8-20	Mack True Value	300
1-20-20	Sylvester Powell, Jr. Community Center	175
1-24-20	Mack True Value	250
<b>Total:</b>		<b>937</b>

- LEED for Cities Webinar Recap

Josh Thede shared that neither he nor any other members of the group attended the webinar from U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). It is a new program that certifies cities and areas based on sustainable design of infrastructure and city plans. Josh Thede will be watching a video on the program and will share the link with the group. The Johnson County Board of County Commissioners will be signing a letter of commitment to the USGBC in support of the application to participate in the 2020 LEED for Cities and Communities Grant Program.

- Regional Wayfinding Meeting

Emily Randel shared information from a meeting on the Kansas City Regional Wayfinding Systems Plan. There is a public meeting open house on February 26 from 4-6 p.m. at the Mid-America Regional Council.

- Update on Retreat Goal Setting - 5 minutes

Alexis Penny shared that the group members' feedback was considered thoroughly by the ad hoc group. She passed around a draft of the goals sheet and a handout that highlights four goals among the other comprehensive list:

- Compile a Climate Action Plan for Mission
- Reduce Recycling Contamination
- Education and Reinforce Sustainable Behaviors
- Continue to be Active Community Volunteers

Josh Thede reiterated the goal of the retreat was to streamline the efforts of this vigorous and active committee. Andy Hyland shared support for the goals and stressed that he feels that creating a Climate Action Plan for the city should indeed be the top priority. Alexis Penny shared that the four goals selected on the handout are not necessarily the ones ranked most highly but are a selection that balances several factors. David Greenlee stressed the importance of work to reduce the contamination in the recycling stream at the risk of losing the service all together. He also stressed the importance of educating the community on their behavior and added that developing the Climate Action Plan is a longer range goal. Councilmember Kring shared that the goals all fall under a Climate Action Plan.

Cathy Boyer-Shesol asked about how the group will handle a goal not shown on the sheet. Alexis Penny shared that the goals on the sheet are just top priorities, but that all the goals developed are still active.

Sollie Flora suggested inviting Tom Jacobs to speak to the group to share how the timeline for the regional Climate Action Plan may fit together as cities get involved.

Councilmember Kring shared that the “what” is very clear on the sheet, but the “how” should be more detailed, especially around additional funding that may be required. Alexis Penny shared that once the plan is place, the next step will be to identify the goals and action steps for each goal.

Terri Baugh shared how well the talk she gave on recycling education talk was received by members of her church. She thinks that the same information should be shared at the Community Center, possibly near the time of Earth Hour.

Councilmember Flora asked about whether the Sustainability Commission’s sub-committees match the goals. The existing or past committees:

- Communities for All Ages
- Recycling, Event and Education
- Scorecard Committee (As needed)
- Goal Committee (Ad hoc)
- councilAction Item Review Committee

Alexis suggested that the group review the goals list and potentially group them together.

- Presentation to Community Development Committee

Josh Thede shared that the plan for the Community Development Committee on Wednesday will be to review achievements of 2019 and to look forward to the retreat process and the goals for 2020.

#### V. New Business

- Recycling Information Flyers - 10 Minutes
  - WCA Flyer Corrections

Terri Baugh passed out the WCA recycling flyer. Terri met with Tom Coffman and Sadie Gardner of WCA to discuss the recycling handout. There are several items that are misrepresented on the flyer that was distributed to Mission residents. Alexis Penny suggested the handout be reconsidered by the recycling sub-committee.

LeNora Berg asked what the demographics are of the residents the group wishes to target with the information, because her parents do read it closely.

- Door Hangers

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

- Vision Zero

Alexis Penny shared Vision Zero Network of cities that are interested in reducing traffic fatalities. The effort targets street design and technology can reduce human error. If Mission's rate is currently zero, pledging to continue that and adding Mission to the network would be a strong signal of support to the effort. Part of the pledge is creating a multi-department committee. The group discussed how the Vision Zero Network initiative would fit in with other initiatives identified in the recent goal setting effort.

- Plastic Bag Regulations

The City of Prairie Village is moving forward on exploring a plastic bag ban. Andy Hyland shared that the City of Lawrence had a lot of pushback when they considered it. The City of Prairie Village has not yet had their public meetings. Josh Thede shared the idea of including this item on the meeting agenda was to educate the group members of the local activity. Andy Hyland and Alexis Penny recommended that they watch what happens in the City of Prairie Village. Terri Baugh volunteered to do a knowledge share on plastic bags in March.

- Earth Hour, March 28, 2020

Josh Thede shared support for doing this event again in 2020. Hannah McFarland shared that the USGBC has participated in the past and will be happy to do so again to both promote and attend. Josh will coordinate information between the groups.

- Sustainability Lens / 2019 Agenda Review Update

Andy and Alexis split 2019 and are reviewing each agenda item based on the focus areas that the S.C. developed. The first step to developing a sustainability lens would be developing a list of questions to keep in mind with each agenda. The group could recommend sustainability goals in procurement stair stepping by dollar amount to decreasing dollar amounts over the next few years.

## VI. Reminders and announcements

- Mohawk Park Master Plan Public Input Meeting - February 13 6-8 p.m. at SPJCC
- Josh Thede will be participating in the Mission Police Citizen Academy Thursday evenings March 5-May 7.
- Penn Almoney and Aaron Cherry have reported an updated bid for a new water bottle filling station at the Community Center. The new bid is for \$4,700. Penn would like to know the level that the Sustainability Commission would be willing to offset the costs of installation. The group will add this item to the March agenda.
- John Arnett shared that 02-02-2020 was a palindrome and the next one will not occur for another 101 years.
- Sollie Flora shared ClimateActionKC will host a rainwater and resiliency workshop Thursday, February 20, 4-6 p.m. at Black & Veatch.
- Debbie Kring shared that City Council and the City's leadership team will have a full day retreat on Saturday.

VII. Review of action items

- Emily Randel will share an example of the regional signage being considered and will gather the photo of the grant from Waste Management and will share the batteries recycling totals. Emily will check with Mission Police to see whether they are involved in the current work at MARC related to the Vision Zero Network. Emily will confirm the number of pounds of holiday lights numbers diverted through the program in 2019-2020.
- Josh Thede will share a link to the LEED for Cities.
- Sollie Flora will send names for ClimateActionKC contacts to Alexis.
- Alexis Penny will put in edits to the goals sheet.
- Terri Baugh will prepare plastic bag information for the March meeting.

VIII. Adjourn

Josh Thede moved to adjourn the meeting. Terri Baugh seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission will be on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Mission City Hall.