

Sustainability Commission Minutes

Monday, February 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Mission City Hall

In attendance: John Arnett, Terri Baugh, David Greenlee, Andy Hyland, Sean Partain, Josh Thede, Ingrid Worth

Staff present: Emily Randel

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chair John Arnett welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Approval of the January 3, 2018 minutes

Terri Baugh moved to approve the minutes. Josh Thede seconded the motion. The commission approved the minutes.

III. Election of Sustainability Commission Chair and Vice-Chair

Terri Baugh moved to nominate Andy Hyland as chair of the Sustainability Commission in 2018. David Greenlee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The group thanked John Arnett for his service as chair. John shared that he feels that the Sustainability Commission is on a good track, due to the work of the members and the staff liaison. Andy Hyland stated that he feels that, based on the pattern established in the past couple of years, the person elected vice-chair should feel a willingness to serve as chair in 2019.

John Arnett moved to nominate Josh Thede as vice-chair. Terri Baugh seconded the motion. The motion passed.

IV. Old Business

A. Run-through of presentation to Community Development Committee (CDC) February 7, 2018

John Arnett and Andy Hyland shared their talking points for their presentation to the February Community Development Committee meeting. Andy shared that the presentation will highlight just three signature programs of the Sustainability Commission, the battery recycling, work with the Communities for All Ages program, and the Sustainability Scorecard, rather than cover each item in the work plan. Members of the group plan to attend the meeting. Emily Randel will make sure Stuti Dalal knows about the meeting.

B. Presentation of revised Sustainability Scorecard

Josh Thede presented a second draft of a new version of the Sustainability Scorecard as well as a supplemental document that describes each item in more detail. The group discussed whether or not applicants should be asked to score their own project. The points are meant to

be subjective to allow for discussion between the applicant and the Commission. The group decided to revise the scorecard so that there is a “pre-meeting score” given by the applicant, and a “post-meeting score” given following the discussion at a Commission meeting. A instruction statement should be added to the line before each narrative box in the scorecard to encourage the applicant to elaborate on the check boxes in each category. The group agreed that a numbering system matching each item on the scorecard to the descriptions in the supplemental document and a color coding system for each category included will make the document easier to use.

C. Report from January USGBC Emerging Professionals panel event

John Arnett, Terri Baugh and Manny Trillo attended the event. Josh Thede moderated the panel. Robin Dukelow from Henderson Engineers and who serves on Mission’s Planning Commission also attended. The topic was discussing the LEED certification exam and preparing those in the audience for the exam. John Arnett asked the panel about the Mission Sustainability Scorecard, and why an architect or developer or business owner would want to go through the scorecard process. The answer was that implementing the sustainable practices included in the LEED system or in the Sustainability Scorecard is about long-term savings on building operations cost. The group members met Julie Peterson from the USGBC Central Plains. Julie followed up with an email introduction of Jennifer Gunby from the National office of USGBC, who happens to be based in Kansas City. The group agreed that John Arnett should invite Jennifer to speak at a future meeting.

D. Farmers Market plans in 2018, review of January 3 CDC meeting

Emily Randel shared a summary of recent discussions about the market schedule, beginning with a report at a Council Worksession in November, and a Community Development Committee (CDC) meeting in January. An item determining the schedule is going back to the CDC in February for a legislative vote. The question before the committee is whether to move the market from Saturday mornings to Thursday evenings. The group discussed the pros and cons of moving the market, or keeping it on Saturdays.

Sean Partain joined the meeting toward the end of this agenda item.

V. New Business

A. Reporting re-appointed Sustainability Commission members and term length

John Arnett shared the results and new expiration dates of the Commission members who were re-appointed at the January City Council meeting: John Arnett, David Greenlee, Sean Partain, and Terri Baugh. Their terms will expire December 31, 2019.

B. Ripple Glass rolling out commercial glass recycling, meeting with Mission Business Partnership

Terri Baugh shared the announcement by Ripple Glass that they were implementing a pick-up service for commercial glass from high volume customers like bars and restaurants. It appears,

however, that the program will begin in downtown Kansas City, Missouri locations and will not serve Johnson County at this time. Terri has contacted Ripple Glass, but has not yet heard back.

C. Give-A-Bike; Take-A-Bike event, April 5, 2018

Emily Randel shared a new idea for 2018 in place of the bike drives in the past at the Handlebar Happy Hour events with BikeWalkKC. This year, the City is planning to work with BikeWalkKC on a "Give-a-Bike; Take-a-Bike" event. Scheduled for Thursday, April 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at The Bar. This will provide more hours of daylight and potentially warmer weather than the November events in the past. The public is encouraged to either donate an adult bicycle or come to choose a donated bicycle. Volunteers and BikeWalkKC and City staff will be performing basic maintenance on the donated bikes on site. The bikes are advertised as first come, first serve.

The event is also promoted as a fundraiser for Mission’s holiday adoption program. We solicit donations from anyone interested in sponsoring the purchase of a brand new bike for a child at the holidays.

VI. Battery Recycling Update

Emily Randel shared the battery recycling tracking sheet. Since February 2016, the program has turned in 1,001 pounds of batteries for recycling and spent \$2,137 on 37 battery boxes and one drop off at a local recycling business.

VII. Budget Review

Purchase	Cost	Month Reported
None to date in 2018		
TOTAL SPENT: \$0 TOTAL REMAINING: \$5,000.00		

Emily Randel reported that there have been no purchases in 2018 so far. The Sustainability Commission has a budget of \$5,000 in 2018. The ending balance for 2017 was \$929.32, from \$5,000 to start.

VIII. Report from Capital Improvement Program Committee

John Arnett shared that at the last CIP Committee meeting on February 8, City of Mission staff shared an overview of Mission’s investment in stormwater infrastructure over the last 10-12 years. The next meeting on February 12 will cover major capital street projects.

IX. Miscellaneous

Josh Thede shared about “Earth Hour” an hour between 8:30-9:30 p.m. local time on March 24 when people around the world are invited to turn off all unnecessary light to bring attention to

energy conservation. The group brainstormed ways to promote the event to the Mission community as well as possibly spending the hour together as a group in some fashion. The item will be added to the Sustainability Commission agenda for March 5.

Terri Baugh shared that Springboard Creative will be hosting a ribbon cutting in their new space on Thursday, February 8 at 4:30 p.m.

Terri Baugh mentioned that there is a large amount of litter and debris visible in Turkey Creek. Emily Randel recommended that Terri contact the James Gorham and Nilo Fanska in the Neighborhood Services Department to schedule a volunteer work day.

X. Adjourn

Terri Baugh moved to adjourn the meeting. John Arnett seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission will be on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.