

MINUTES OF THE MISSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Monday, March 2, 2020 - 6:30 P.M.

Mission City Hall

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

Council Liaisons present: Councilmember Sollie Flora, Councilmember Debbie Kring

Staff present: Emily Randel, Assistant to the City Administrator

Guests present: Nancy Robinson, Prairie Village Environment Committee

I. Welcome and introductions

Alexis Penny welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Approval of the February 3, 2020 meeting minutes

John Arnett moved to approve the February 3, 2020 meeting minutes. Cathy Boyer-Shesol seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. Old Business

- Presentation to the Community Development Committee (CDC) February Recap - Josh Thede provided a recap of the presentation to the CDC. John Arnett and Andy Hyland also attended. The Committee provided several compliments to the group. The Commission is welcome to present more frequent reports if necessary. Through the discussion, staff and the Commission stressed that for each goal, the next step will be to break out smaller tasks to assign in the future. Councilmember Kring recommended that the Sustainability Commission should present four times a year. Andy Hyland asked Nancy Robinson if the group in Prairie Village reports to the Council. She responded that the lead of the group is on the council in Prairie Village, so it works differently.
- Code Adoption Meeting - No one attended the meeting on February 19 from the Sustainability Commission nor anyone else from the public. Councilmember Flora shared that the group of cities working on the issues have agreed to examine the code updates every six years, which is already lagging from the International Code Council updates of every three years. Josh Thede shared that the S.C. scorecard is based on the 2019 International Green Construction Code.
- Infrastructure and Climate Change Round Table - Alexis Penny attended the event and shared that the event is available on Representative Sharice Davids' Facebook page. The State of Kansas has reduced their energy use by 50% in the last 20 years thanks to renewable energy making up 40% of the total in the state. The state has developed smaller power grids to boost resiliency. The

discussion also included the existing reverse incentives for renewable practices. Dorothy Barnett from the Climate Energy Project was on the panel.

- Rainwater and Resilient Communities Workshop - Emily Randel shared a report from the green infrastructure workshop on February 20. Laura Adams, PE, Env SP, Black & Veatch and Lisa Treese RLA, LEED AP, KC Water presented the role of costs and benefits of green infrastructure and how to get multiple benefits from spending the same dollar. They also highlighted how stormwater solutions can be right sized to fit a wide variety of issues. Brian Scott, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director, and Nilo Fanska, Community Development Coordinator also attended. Sollie Flora asked whether there will be any recommendations from staff coming to the council as a result of the workshop. Emily Randel answered that the discussion had not yet reached that point, but that in particular, the cistern project happening in the West Bottoms held some appeal. Josh Thede asked whether the workshop covered maintenance of existing infrastructure such as rain gardens and bioswales. Emily Randel shared that the presenters fully acknowledged that these projects take care to get established though they did not specifically cover refurbishing projects that have suffered neglect.

IV. New Business

- Update from Recycling Sub-Committee
 - Door Hanger - Terri Baugh met with Matt Riggs, Outreach Coordinator at Mid-America Regional Council. They will add the “When in Doubt, Throw it Out” and the “Ditch the Bag” messages. Matt Riggs committed to having a mock-up by the end of April.
 - Smart Recycling Workshop - Terri Baugh shared that the Sylvester Powell, Jr. Community Center is available both on April 14 and April 16 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for a Recycling Workshop for the public. The Recycling Subcommittee will confirm a date.

Andy Hyland moved to spend up to \$19.97 for cookies for the recycling workshop. Terri Baugh seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- Environmental Fair - Penn Almoney, Parks and Recreation Director has offered the conference center for half price (\$500) for the environmental fair. With several cities participating, the shared cost will not be significant. There was discussion about the time of the event and the target audience for the event. There is still time to decide these items, especially once the other cities are involved.

Terri Baugh proposed a planning meeting on March 24 or 26. Alexis Penny and Terri will work together to get an email invitation out to the city representatives as soon as possible.

- Water Bottle Filler Update - The latest bid for two water bottle fillers, was \$4,590 for each filler. They have to lower the pipes to accommodate the height requirement for the ADA requirements. Josh Thede shared that the last time they approved the amount was in the later part of the year. Andy Hyland thought the group has more pressing priorities. Cathy Boyer-Shesol moved to pay for 25% of one of the fountains. Terri Baugh seconded the motion. Josh amended the amount to \$1,300, the original amount approved in December 2018. Andy Hyland will vote no, based on other priorities for the group. The amended motion passed.
- Earth Hour March 28, 2020 8:30-9:30 p.m. - Josh Thede shared information about the Earth Hour event. The 2020 theme is “Raise Your Voice For Nature.” Hannah McFarland shared that the U S Green Building Council Central Plains Emerging Professionals 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. Andy moved to spend up to \$30.19 for s’mores materials including dark chocolate Reese’s Peanut Butter Cups. John Arnett seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Sustainability Lens/2019 Agenda Review Update - This item is tabled to April 2020 agenda.
- Bunny Eggstravaganza is on Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m.-noon at the Community Center. Donations game prizes. Terri, Cathy, Andy and David will staff the table.

V. Reminders and announcements

- Climate Action Plan Workshop March 31 at MARC
- Councilmembers Kring and Flora and others will be attending the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference this week.
- Josh Thede shared that he will be participating with the Green Tech. Academy ARC Waste Audit Olathe East H.S. March 25.
- Josh Thede attended a volunteer event at Prairie Birthday Farm. They have charged each of the trees on the farm and calculated their dollar value and contributions to combat carbon emissions.

VI. Review of action items

- Alexis Penny will share an email draft for a multi-city working session.
- Emily Randel will email Matt Riggs the Sustainable Mission logo.
- Emily Randel will share the link to the ClimateActionKC worksession.

- Emily Randel will confirm a table at Bunny Eggstravaganza for the S.C.
- Andy Hyland will provide content for Earth Hour promotions by the middle of next week. Members MRANO and Milhaven HOA and St. Pius.
- Terri Baugh will ask for game prizes from some local businesses.

VII. Adjourn

Josh Thede moved to adjourn the meeting. Andy Hyland seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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