

## MINUTES OF THE MISSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

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

Held virtually, via ZOOM

In attendance: John Arnett, Terri Baugh, David Greenlee, Andy Hyland, Alexis Penny, Zora Stewart-Jones, Josh Thede

Council Liaisons present: Councilmember Sollie Flora, Councilmember Debbie Kring

Staff present: Emily Randel, Assistant to the City Administrator

Guests present: Penn Almoney, Parks and Recreation Director

### I. Welcome and introductions and member check-in

Alexis Penny welcomed everyone to the meeting and hosted a check-in with each participant for them to share how they are doing during the Stay Home Order.

### II. Approval of the March 2, 2020 meeting minutes

Josh Thede moved to approve the March 2, 2020 meeting minutes. Terri Baugh seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### III. Knowledge Share - Plastic Bag Recycling

Terri Baugh shared a presentation for the group members about plastic bag recycling and how the material is used post-consumer use.

### IV. Old Business

- o Earth Hour Debrief - While the Earth Hour event was not held in person as in past years, commission members and the public were encouraged to participate in their own homes. Josh Thede shared that he observed Earth Hour by turning off his lights, and posting about the Earth Hour on social media.

### V. New Business

- o Stay at Home Order - Councilmembers Kring and Flora and Emily Randel summarized the details of the Stay at Home order, and what the Governing Body decided in March regarding City staff pay and City facilities closing to the public. The group discussed the City's support of those in need through the mobile food pantries planned for May at Shawnee Mission North High School, with Harvesters.
- o Recycling Committee - The Recycling door hanger is on hold, as is the Smart Recycling Workshop and Environmental Fair. The water bottle fountain has been installed at the Sylvester Powell, Jr. Community Center. Emily Randel shared that Penn Almoney will code the Sustainability Commission's portion of the cost to the Sustainability line item for that contribution. The group agreed to postpone the next litter pick-up until it feels more appropriate to gather, even outdoors.
- o Sustainability Lens/2019 Agenda Item Review - Alexis Penny and Andy Hyland reported that there was no activity on this item. The issue was tabled.

VI. Reminders and announcements

- Josh Thede shared that there will be a variety of virtual events observing Earth Day 2020. He will share those he knows via email following the meeting. Emily Randel shared that the City will issue a proclamation honoring the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. The resolution and the events will be available online. John Arnett shared that he remembers the first Earth Day 50 years ago, and he volunteered to do a knowledge share in May on the history of Earth Day.

VII. Review of action items

VIII. Adjourn

Andy Hyland moved to adjourn the meeting. Terri Baugh seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission will be on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Online, via Zoom.