

MINUTES OF THE MISSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Monday, May 4, 2020 - 6:30 P.M.

Held virtually, via ZOOM

In attendance: John Arnett, Terri Baugh, Cathy Boyer-Shesol, 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: Jack Partain, Cora Partain

I. Welcome and introductions and member check-in

Alexis Penny welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked each member to share their favorite part of staying at home.

II. Approval of the April 6, 2020 meeting minutes

Andy Hyland moved to approve the April 6, 2020 meeting minutes. Terri Baugh seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. Knowledge Share - History of Earth Day

John Arnett shared a presentation for the group members about the history of Earth Day, noting the 50th anniversary of the day in 2020. The group asked that he share the notes from his presentation following the meeting.

IV. Old Business - Earth Day at Home Recap

Josh Thede shared his experience with Earth Day with various events. Everyone agreed that posting the compilation of virtual events on the City's website was very successful. It seems like the news item generated some press and sharing.

V. New Business

- Stay at Home Order - Councilmembers Flora and Kring and Emily Randel shared that more of Mission's reopening guidelines for City facilities will be discussed at the Community Development Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 6.
John Arnett asked about plans for the Mission Market. Emily Randel shared that a plan to hold the market June through August in a modified way, focusing on pre-order and pick-up, would be presented to the Council at the Committee meeting.
Councilmember Kring asked about whether it would be possible to see the change in emissions while the Stay at Home Orders have been in place. Sean Partain shared that he will be virtually attending the regional Air Quality meeting and will ask about what data is available.
- Recycling Committee - The group discussed adding an item in the upcoming edition of the Mission Magazine to highlight the state of recycling, especially

regarding plastics. Andy Hyland, Terri Baugh, Emily Randel and others will coordinate to prepare an article.

Terri Baugh has confirmed with Matt Riggs at the Mid-America Regional Council that the group is still interested in the recycling door hanger design.

- Next Steps: Reopening the Sustainability Commission - Alexis Penny shared her feelings that it is time to refocus on the planning work that was underway before COVID-19. Especially going forward, the “3Ps” of People, Planet and Prosperity will be central in this work. Alexis recommends that the group evaluate the plan and goals. The delay will allow for very solid planning for the environmental fair, and there will be advantages to having that additional time.

Josh Thede asked the Council liaisons about the status of the Climate Emissions Update. Emily Randel answered that all the projects for 2020, including the Emissions update and the Facility Improvement Conservation Program, are still to be done and will be returned to once the focus shifts away from nearly full-time COVID-19 response.

VI. Reminders and announcements

- The group discussed a shared Google calendar that can track the sustainability events happening in the region.
- The Climate Action webinar will be May 14. Register in advance.

VII. Review of action items

VIII. Adjourn

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

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission will be on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.