

MINUTES OF THE MISSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Monday, June 1, 2020 - 6:30 P.M.

Held virtually, via ZOOM

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

I. Welcome and introductions and member check-in

Alexis Penny welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked each member to report on how they are doing.

II. Approval of the May 4, 2020 meeting minutes

Cathy Boyer-Shesol moved to approve the May 4, 2020 meeting minutes. Terri Baugh seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. Old Business - Creating Climate Resilience in Greater KC

The group reviewed the virtual event from May 14, and the fact that the public can still weigh in on the different issue areas via the Mindmixer tool online. The group discussed the greenhouse gas inventory being done through the Global Covenant of Mayors Climate Leadership Project regional level, Kansas City being one of the first U.S. cities to participate.

Josh Thede shared that he had made note of the absence of focus on “people in spaces” topics, including consideration of Universal Design and other topics related to Communities for All Ages.

Alexis Penny shared again about the Sustainability Google calendar where relevant events can be shared among the group.

IV. New Business

- Stay at Home Order - Emily Randel gave a brief update on some of the adjustments in place for the reopening plan that was approved in May. The Mission Market will open Thursday, June 4 with pre-order shopping only.
- WCA Recycling - Mission Magazine - Terri Baugh shared that again, the handout provided by WCA and shared in the Mission Magazine has incorrect information. This is very frustrating. Councilmember Kring said she would check at the Solid Waste Management Council’s meeting in July about whether anyone else is experiencing the same difficulty in getting accurate information from their hauler about which items are accepted for recycling.

The group reviewed the goal to have an article in the upcoming edition of the Mission Magazine. The focus will be on the Five R’s to move away from just the

challenges facing the recycling process, but to really target a reduction in usage first. Andy Hyland will be sending a draft for review.

- Greenhouse Gas Inventory - Josh Thede shared that the priority for gaining an update to the Greenhouse Gas Inventory would be to compare it to the baseline, set with 2008 data. Councilmember Kring shared that she had confirmed with Laura Smith that the inventory was already considered a priority in current budget discussions. The group discussed the regional work on greenhouse gas emissions. Those results are due out later in 2020, and would likely not include very robust local level data, but it may be worth waiting to see what is available. Alexis Penny and Josh Thede agreed to work together to research the best next steps to moving forward on a Mission specific inventory.
- Recycling Sub-Committee - Terri Baugh confirmed that Matt Riggs at the Mid-America Regional Council will have a draft of the recycling door hanger design soon. The hope is to use Shawnee Mission North High School students who need community service hours to distribute the hangers at homes. Terri Baugh shared that she would still like to tour WCA's material recovery facility.

The Recycling Sub-Committee would still like to hold a virtual show-and-tell to educate about what items can and cannot be recycled. The group will be practicing with the logistics of this in advance.

- Goals Sub-Committee Update - Terri Baugh will let Penn Almoney know she'd like to sit in on Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission meetings as a Sustainability Commission liaison. There are many shared goals between the two groups.
- The Communities for All Ages Sub-Committee will reconvene soon in light of the upcoming comprehensive plan update. Cathy Boyer-Shesol agreed to chair the sub-committee.
- The group is still very committed to a communication plan. Still need to focus on what information we'd like to share, and combine that into the work that the new communications team Crux is doing with the City.
- Councilmembers Kring and Flora were asked to share a liaison update at future meetings to make sure the communication is going in both directions. They agreed to do so.

V. Reminders and announcements

VI. Review of action items

VII. Adjourn

Cathy Boyer-Shesol moved to adjourn the meeting. Josh Thede seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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