

MINUTES OF THE MISSION SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Monday, July 13, 2020 - 6:30 P.M.

Held virtually, via ZOOM

In attendance: John Arnett, Terri Baugh, Cathy Boyer-Shesol, David Greenlee, Andy Hyland, Sean Partain, Alexis Penny, Josh Thede
Council Liaison present: 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 share one thing that has sparked joy in the last five weeks.

II. Approval of the June 1, 2020 meeting minutes

Andy Hyland moved to approve the June 1, 2020 meeting minutes. Cathy Boyer-Shesol seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. Old Business - Mission Magazine Article

Andy Hyland reviewed that the magazine article had been completed and shared with the group. It will be printed in the upcoming edition. Emily Randel shared that Crux representatives will be meeting with the magazine editorial board on Wednesday. There should be nice alignment with the Sustainability Commission's communication plan goals with Crux's help to coordinate other items in the overall editorial calendar.

** Action item: Brainstorm future article topics

IV. New Business

○ Recycling Sub-Committee Update

- Smart Recycling Class - Terri Baugh and David Greenlee met safely to sort through recycling items to prepare for the virtual version of the class. There is discrepancy between items included on the WCA list of acceptable materials, and the RecycleSpot recommendations. The group will give preference to those items that are approved from RecycleSpot for the door hangers. Terri and David will practice the video presentation.
- Door Hangers - The door hanger second draft was not completed in time for the meeting tonight, but Terri Baugh will share with the group later this week. Alexis Penny shared a concern that if the door hanger and the WCA information is conflicting. Josh Thede praised the legwork that Terri Baugh has completed and pointed out that the conflicting information is mostly held internally at WCA. The information shared on the RecycleSpot site is the most consistent across the region, and Josh feels that is the most reliable. Emily Randel asked if a broader message might

not be better suited for the door hanger, since tracking the recycling industry preferences can be so difficult.

- Adopt-a-Street - Terri Baugh reminded the group that there is an obligation to do several clean-ups per year. The group feels that working outside would be relatively safe.
- Batteries - Terri Baugh checked the battery drum at Public Works. It is almost 50% full. The lead acid batteries will be accepted, but must be taped. Emily Randel shared that there are quite a few batteries in the closet at City Hall. She is not sure if the batteries are still being collected at the Community Center.

*Action item: Terri Baugh will send out an email invitation to the group to see who is available to volunteer.

*Action item: Recycling Sub-committee to discuss possible alternatives for the door hanger design and message.

- CFAA Sub-Committee Update - Cathy Boyer-Shesol shared an update from the committee that also includes Alexis Penny, Sean Partain, John Arnett and Josh Thede. The committee met June 29 and reviewed past work and how they will stay involved throughout the update of Mission's Comprehensive Plan. They discussed an ongoing CFAA article in the magazine. Emily Randel gave a brief review of her presentation at the Community Development Committee last week. Cathy Boyer-Shesol shared that there will be a Universal Design workshop in November.

*Action item: Emily Randel will share the SMART goals from the assessment with department heads for review and consideration of next steps. She will also share the other comprehensive plan examples with staff. She has already shared the Grandview plan that shows a CFAA icon near each relevant item. The next committee meeting will be July 27.

- Parks, Recreation, and Tree Commission Update - Terri Baugh forgot to attend the June PRT meeting until the very end of the meeting. She will participate on July 20.
- Sustainability Lens Sub-Committee Update - Alexis Penny and Josh Thede reviewed the past items from 2019 items. They will be seeking out other models from other cities, and then will be forming prompt questions and a process for use to guide staff in their descriptions. Alexis Penny shared that the sustainability lens would apply to nearly each item. Emily Randel shared that during the recent discussions around racial equity, it was suggested that a racial equity lens be applied to upcoming agenda items in the future. It could be that all three lenses, CFAA, sustainability, racial equity, are applied in a new format.
- Council Liaison Update - Councilmember Kring shared a concern around our streets and the condition of our infrastructure. She is watching the load and impact on the small residential streets from large trucks causing wear and tear at a rate that is not sustainable.

Mask discussion - the City Council discussed the Governor's Executive Order at a Special Meeting Monday, July 6. At the time, the Council felt there was not a need to go beyond the Executive Order.

Councilmember Kring lined out the plan for upcoming discussions and work around racial equity. Andy Hyland shared that the University of Kansas is going through a lot of the similar discussions. Andy Hyland and Emily Randel will discuss what the university is doing.

Councilmember Kring asked the group to share if they have ever experience difficulties working with Evergy. There were power outages over the weekend.

Alexis Penny shared that Councilmember Flora shared that the Greenhouse Gas Inventory was brought forward as a priority within the current budget discussions.

Emily Randel shared that the Facility Conservation Improvement Program is on the horizon and she and Penn Almoney had interviews with two school district superintendents who had used the program.

Emily Randel confirmed that the bike lanes on Lamar Avenue will be coming soon, but dates have not been determined.

****Action Item:** Emily Randel will write to BikeWalkKC to let them know that the bike lane project will be happening soon, in case collaboration is possible with some kind of opening celebration and promotion.

V. Reminders and announcements

VI. Review of action items

VII. Adjourn

David Greenlee moved to adjourn the meeting. Andy Hyland seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Sustainability Commission will be on Monday, August 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.