

## Roeland Park Sustainability Committee

Minutes for January 28th, 2009

Present: Mayor Steve Petrehn, and Jeannie Gochenour, staff liaison to the Sustainability Committee, Committee Chair Jennifer Gunby, returning members Michelle Cotton, Mike Foltz, Jarrett Mellenbruch, Annabelle Eason and new members: Becky Fast, Brian Ladd, Jason Barr, and Meghan Hemenway.

Holly Coleman was absent but will continue as Assistant Chair and Secretary.

Mayor Petrehn shared information regarding a potential northwest Johnson County or south Wyandotte County recycling center and Johnson County Environmental is sponsoring a public meeting on Thursday, Feb 5 at 9am at the community center, cosponsored by Bridging the Gap for public comment. A business that recycles glass into paving material and other uses is anticipated to open this year and there will be pickup centers around the area to leave glass. He is also involved in initiatives to make RP a bicycle friendly community and linking trails to other area communities, to require green building codes of new government building, and making stormwater projects as green as possible.

Jennifer will continue as chair for another year and Holly Coleman will continue as Assistant Chair. New members were introduced. Meeting times were set at the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6pm. There was a discussion of the Open Meeting Act -- only two members can talk about city business at a time in order to not violate the act, all information should be sent to Jeannie ([jgochenour@roelandpark.org](mailto:jgochenour@roelandpark.org)) who will then distribute to the entire group.

A variety of ideas for projects for the committee for the coming year were discussed including increasing resident recycling, community education events, working with residents to develop backyard gardens, green projects with Roesland Elementary, working on legislation on city and county levels, as well as completing tasks started last year such as signage for community center swale and Nall park rain garden.

Agreement that specific items and projects will be identified at next meeting and members can sign up to work on areas of interest.

Submitted

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