

Sustainability Committee
City of Roeland Park, KS
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 2, 2023, 6:15 pm
In Person Meeting – City Hall

The purpose of the Sustainability Committee is to make recommendations to the Governing Body concerning issues relating to or affecting environmental sustainability.

Committee:

David Smith – Co-chair; Megan Reavis – Co-chair; Melissa Castillo
Wade Holtkamp, City Liaison; Jen Hill and Benjamin Dickens, City Council liaisons

Members in attendance: Melissa Castillo, Megan Reavis, David Smith

Liaison(s) in attendance:

Guest(s) in attendance:

Call to Order: 6:18

Approval of minutes: 6:18

Citizen Comment(s):

Additions to the Agenda:

- Mission Sustcomm
- Boulevard to poll residents regarding bicycles
- Tree planting- Contain the Rain (JoCo), Heartland Tree Alliance
 - Contain the Rain helps with rain gardens, rain barrels, and native plants in general
- Send email to Keith Moody regarding Roe bike signage

Sustainability Minute:

- Members are invited to highlight and/or share thoughts, experiences, or observations from outside the meetings that illustrate sustainable practices and the importance of the Sustainability Committee's mission. (All)

New Business:

- R Park message board
 - Messages to be approved by Parks Department- need to clarify if it's the message board or the marquee
- Litter cleanup progress
 - Saturday April 15th 10:00 a.m. volunteer litter cleanup- announce in April newsletter
 - Meet by City Hall and split up
 - Gloves, trash bags, grabber sticks to be provided
 - Bring refillable water bottle

- Code enforcement is difficult with just civil violations
 - Advertise on message board, newsletter (due next week), and Roesland PTA page
 - Perhaps make it a recurring event
 - Look up sponsorships for a hospitality tent next year?
- Newsletter articles
 - Post semi-regularly, use about two paragraphs
 - Newsletter always looking for content
 - Could recognize and thank volunteers in newsletter
- Grants- would have to be run through the City administration
 - especially look for one that covers the Greenhouse Gas Inventory
 - Ballpark \$15,000 cost for Lotus inventory
 - DynamHex budgeted \$2000/year, PV is dropping DynamHex in favor of Keramida out of Indianapolis
 - Committee approves of dropping Dynamhex, will explore new options to issue new recommendation
- Publicize energy audit more, add to newsletter (again?)
 - Only a dozen applications since the fall

Adjourn: 7:05

Next Meeting: April 6, 2023 [in person at City Hall 6:15 pm]