

Sustainability Committee
City of Roeland Park, KS
Minutes
Thursday, October 5, 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.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99339586327>
Meeting ID: 993 3958 6327

Committee:

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

Members in attendance: David Smith, Melissa Castillo

Liaison(s) in attendance: Wade Holtkamp

Guest(s) in attendance:

Call to Order: 6:18

Approval of minutes: 6:18

Citizen Comment(s):

Additions to the Agenda:

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)

Old Business

- R Park Concert table – recap, let's try to do this again next year! Great job this first year!
- Sustainability fair – recap, great job everyone!
 - Steady stream of people stopped by, terrible weather reduced turnout.
 - Steering Committee looking for new members- any volunteers?
- Climate Action KC – recap, great event!
 - Melissa's takeaways- new legislation will earmark billions for conservation- look into grant-writing for trees, etc. NOAA predicts more extreme windy weather that will wreck the canopy further. Green building architects in Kansas City.
- Newsletter submissions – any ideas for next time?
 - Promote bike share program- Dave
 - Melissa- writing about either composting or plastic reduction
 - Audit program could use promotion- Megan?
- Bi-annual litter cleanup October 14th 10AM-12PM – Anthony Marshall is putting up the sign on the R Park Marque Wednesday or Thursday, **someone please volunteer to post on the RP FB pages** (or contact someone who runs the pages to post about it)

- Melissa to pick up equipment on Friday before 5 PM

New Business:

- Bike Share Program – David
- KC Can Compost proposal – David and Wade to elaborate
- Earmark some portion of SustComm budget to defray City costs? David and Melissa in favor, will put up for formal vote in future. \$420/year would pay for 1/3 of city costs
- What else do we want to do this year and going into next year? – all
- Review ordinances for noxious weeds to promote native plants. Update noxious weeds ordinance to combat native plants.
- Look further into light pollution resolutions. Dark Sky's model ordinance/resolution too long-winded and involved. Commerce Bank produces too much unnecessary white/blue light not directed at the ground.
- Convene with Parks Committee regarding R Park?
- Potentially move meetings to a different day of the week? Tuesday would work best for Melissa.

Adjourn: 6:56

Next Meeting: November 2, 2023 [in person at City Hall 6:15 pm]