

Sustainability Committee
City of Roeland Park, KS
Minutes
Thursday, March 7, 2024, 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 – Chair; Megan Reavis; Melissa Castillo, Aiden Ellis, Grace Suh, Ginny Varraveto, Jan Faidley, City Council liaisons

Members in attendance: David Smith, Megan Reavis (virtual), Aiden Ellis, Grace Suh,

Liaison(s) in attendance: Jan Faidley, Kahl

Guest(s) in attendance:

Call to Order: 6:20pm

Approval of minutes: 6:21pm

Citizen Comment(s): None

Additions to the Agenda:

- Waste survey from Keith Moody
 - o Discussion of the purpose
- Native garden tours
 - o June announcement

Sustainability Minute:

- o 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)
- o Jan Faidley: Redo of mission road from 48th to 53rd, including new lighting (energy efficient), potential bike lanes
 - o Running into potential challenges with bike lanes, concerns with loss of parking
 - o Narrow lanes, cause people to slow down
- o Bike pump and repair stand on 47th St in front of Westwood Public Works Building and is officially up

- Tree protection ordinance is ongoing, feedback waiting from Ward 2, going back to city council

Old Business

- Calendar of events
 - Co-promote other orgs' events
- Native Plant Resolution next steps
 - Send to City staff, conform language to City's resolutions
 - David do this – this weekend
 - Grace offered to share Ordinance models
- Roeland Park Community Foundation Board appointment
 - Dave has sat through some of the meetings, that is where the money for KC compost is coming from
- Callery pear buyback
 - Deep Roots - replaces callery pear trees with native trees
 - Promote in newsletter
 - Buyback program is live
 - Did we take an inventory of caloric pears – Khal to follow up
 - Jan – only public right of way and front yards
 - Is there a way to follow up with
- Goats to eat honeysuckle near Aldi? Takes three growing seasons
 - Jan - Goats on the go, company reaching out to us about nall park coming back
 - Motion to look further into city/committee budget for reuse of goats
- Native plant sales at Shawnee Indian Mission
 - April 27th, associated with the caloric pear buyback program
 - Discussion about if hardware stores would be interested in putting flyers
- JJL's running the Community Foundation Board once again
 - Foundation is a 501(c)(3) that approves grant requests and deals with donations
 - SustComm needs a person to send (Dave)
- Grace's R Park proposal- add additional native plantings to make park more lush
 - Grace asked about what plants are available to plant in R park per the contain the rain plan, Kahl Miller said he would follow up
 - Grace to give a presentation about the proposal again
- JJL's KC Can Compost proposal- funding approved
 - Compost can near Aldi, costs \$55 a month
 - Once a Month pickup
 - Food should be in a bag
 - Compostable bag
- Go Green Environmental Fair- Dave on the Steering and Venue Committees
 - Going to be at Sylvester powell

New Business:

- Native garden plant tour
 - Includes three gardens in Roeland park.
 - Ask from Grace for more information on the contain the rain plant list
- Caloric pear buyback program is live
 - INSERT LINKS from Grace about how to use
 - Do we know if they

- KC rideshare program
 - Dave to request a presentation from them on placement and implementation timeline
- R park planting proposal on the north end from Grace
 - Grace asked about what plants are available to plant in R park per the rain plan, Kahl said he would follow up
- JJL – cleanup events, MS4
 - Roeland park trash cleanup April 20th 9am
 - We need to let them know when we had cleanups so that we can track and inform them
 - We need to advertise
- Melissa is now officially a native plant landscape designer
 - Been officially designing landscape for neighbors
 - Grace asked her to get in touch, since she is looking for native plant designers

Adjourn: 7:07pm

Next Meeting: April 4, 2023 [in person at City Hall 6:15 pm]