

**Sustainability Committee**  
City of Roeland Park, KS  
**Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 7, 2024, 6:15 pm**  
In Person Meeting – City Hall

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

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

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**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 48<sup>th</sup> to 53<sup>rd</sup>, 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 47<sup>th</sup> 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 calorie 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 27<sup>th</sup>, associated with the calorie pear buyback program
  - Discussion about if hardware stores would be interested in putting flyers
- JLL'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
- JLL'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
- Calorie 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 contain the rain plan, Kahl said he would follow up
- JJL – cleanup events, MS4
  - Roeland park trash cleanup April 20<sup>th</sup> 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]