

Sustainability Committee
City of Roeland Park, KS
Minutes
Thursday, July 11, 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 – Co-Chair; Megan Reavis – Co-Chair; Melissa Castillo, Aiden Ellis, Grace Suh, Ginny Varraveto, Jan Faidley - City Council liaison, Benjamin Dickens – City Counsel liaison

Members in attendance: Ginny Varraveto, Michael Janes, Natasha Janes, Megan Reavis, Aiden Ellis, David Smith

Liaison(s) in attendance: Khal Miller, Jan Faidly

Guest(s) in attendance: Eric Vaughan (RideKC)

Call to Order: 6:23

Approval of minutes: 6:23

Citizen Comment(s):

Additions to the Agenda:

Eric Vaughan RideKC presentation

- Roeland Park bike share
- City employees still working on plan
- Mission still working on bid documents with KDOT, then RideKC will order bikes
- Still need to finalize locations
- RideKCBike started in 2012, now metro-sized
- Bikes in 6 metro cities, memberships are all reciprocal
- “Smart” bikes- all have GPS units and are tracked at all times
 - Can park it at any bike rack since they can always find it
 - Cable “lock two” locks keep the bikes out of boarding zones
 - All bikes are electric, \$0.15/minute
 - Trips cannot be ended outside of participating cities
- Class 1 bikes- entry level bikes with pedal assist up to 20 mph, no throttle
- Memberships start at \$150/year with 80 minutes of included checkout time per day
 - \$30-35 for monthly plan

- App shows every bike and every battery level
- Minimum age of 18 per user agreement
- Roeland Park bikes will have new higher capacity batteries
- \$10/year equity program for low-income individuals
- 350 bikes currently in the system and growing, plans to add another 150 by EoY
 - Mission getting 30 bikes with 3 hubs, RP to get 20 bikes with 2 hubs
 - Proximity leads to exponential ridership growth
 - Crews always out to return bikes and restock hubs daily
- Demonstration of electric bikes?

Sustainability Minute:

Old Business

- Summer R Park Concerts
 1. July 27th- Megan and Ginny (tentative)
 2. August 24th- David, Ginny, Natasha, Aiden, Michael (tentative) can attend 8/24 concert
 3. September 14- David (tentative), Aiden (tentative)
 4. Hand out maps from last year, some plants, local eco company promotions, native seed packets, etc
 5. DeepRootsKC's Nature Advisor program promotion
 6. Committee approves of Ginny acquiring \$100 in seeds with budget
- Tree Protection Ordinance
 1. Will be discussed at August 5th City Council meeting
 2. Requires replanting of removed trees, intended provisions for tree funds
 3. Sick/dying trees not covered by ordinance

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Sustainability Committee sponsorship of Environmental Fair

- \$200 approved

Adjourn: 7:15

Next Meeting: August 1, 2023 [in person at City Hall 6:15 pm]