

Sustainability Committee
City of Roeland Park, KS
Agenda
Thursday, September 5, 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, Michael Janes, Natasha Rickel, John Puricelli, Jan Faidley - City Council liaison, Benjamin Dickens – City Counsel liason

Members in attendance:

Liaison(s) in attendance:

Guest(s) in attendance:

Call to Order: 6:25pm

Approval of minutes: 6:26pm approved

Citizen Comment(s): Janna W.

- pesticide use in the city, mosquito spraying
- her beehive colony was absolutely wiped out this summer due to pesticides
- likely due to private citizen use
- Ideas:
- Jan's perspective:
- cities used to spray in the past but now officially the city does not use pesticides (to her knowledge)
- Mosquito Joe and similar companies may have alternative options besides heavy chemicals - need to make sure they have a business license in RP
- SC could do research to make a recommendation to Council on if we want to prevent them from doing business
- Grace: she hears it a lot that people all over the metro are losing butterflies and bees
- Promote education around the topic primarily
- Dedicated page on the website around sustainability - Megan to talk to Jennifer Jones-Lacey
- Megan to contact Katie Garcia for social media awareness
- Are we able to get a better estimate of the landscape of who is using pesticides.
- talk with Khal about ensuring businesses have licenses

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Additions to the Agenda: request from council: do we want a tree canopy master plan? hire someone to help draft a master plan? work with another group like Bridging the Gap, etc? they want to put it in the budget next year. Grace will take a look at it and draft something for Council! Overland Park has a fund to provide 3 trees for every resident. Need to figure out what will work for RP since we have a small staff. Grace will put something together and we will discuss at the next meeting

Sustainability Minute:

Old Business

- Summer R Park Concerts – Ginny (success and ideas)
- o people loved the seeds!

New Business:

- Plan for Go Green Environmental Fair booth
- o ginny will bring buttons and seeds
- o Megan to get boxes and stuff to sort
- Updates on City GHG footprint?
- o 2025 budget objective

Adjourn: 7:11pm

Next Meeting: October 3, 2023 [in person at City Hall 6:15 pm]