

Sustainability Committee
City of Roeland Park, KS
Agenda
Thursday, October 3, 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: David Smith, Megan Reavis, Grace Suh, Melissa Castillo, Aiden Ellis, Ginny Varraveto

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

Guest(s) in attendance:

Call to Order: 6:22

Approval of minutes:

Citizen Comment(s):

Additions to the Agenda:

- Grace: October 12 9:00-noon last native garden tour for Deep Roots on 49th and Parish
- donations welcome

Sustainability Minute:

Old Business

- Make sure everyone is on the sustainability list serve – Khal?
- Go Green Environmental Fair summary – attendees
 - o didn't have recycling game set up, literature and seed packets were distributed
 - o "Roland [sic] Park Sustainability Committee" sign
 - Potential mosquito management workshop in the future with Janna (janna97@hotmail.com)?
 - Print vs. online Roeland Parker- perhaps use links to provide context for truncated articles

New Business:

- National Week Without Driving – Jan
 - o Replace at least on car trip with walking/biking
 - o RPer complained about sidewalks
 - o Potentially divert bike traffic on Nall?
 - Bike route on Birch instead?
 - Nall Park difficult to access for pedestrians
 - Nall Park master plan to be discussed on October 21?
- Tree Preservation Ordinance recommendations – Jan
 - o Jan: ordinance passed 7-1
 - Ward meeting educational sessions
 - **Make edits regarding 7-foot rule**
 - Mayor has appointed task force (Matt Miro, Jeffrey Stocks)
 - Looking for mitigation fee calculations (tree fund paid by people who don't replace trees). Goal is to encourage planting and to make the penalty more expensive than planting new tree. Flat fee or scale for diameter and scale up to \$500 max
 - Have Public Works plant the replacement trees or have homeowners do it themselves?
 - o Make Public Works/expert do it upon request?
 - Reduced penalty for homeowners to have tree professionally installed
 - o Khal would have to sign off on new homeowner plantings for compliance
 - Need-based relief for low-income homeowners (Neighbors Helping Neighbors)
 - o Tree Maintenance budget set at \$25k per year (not spent), could be linked to relief fund.
 - Use \$5k/year as starting fund?
 - o Heartland Tree Alliance looking to expand city coordination efforts
 - o Grace: will compile research and finish report
 - most nearby municipalities have tree giveaway programs
 - Critsite in Belton provides municipalities with trees- could be potential source
- Dark Skies/fall bird migration – Ginny and Grace
 - o Jamie Davis reached out to Ginny, wants to speak to SustComm
 - o Grace: Dark Sky speaker specialist event (Sierra Club)
 - Kansas City exceptionally bad for migratory bird strikes due to light pollution
- Fall City Cleanup – pick a date?
 - o **November 2 2024**
 - Contact Miede, Khal's daughter's Girl Scout Troop
 - o Plogtober Event?

Adjourn: 7:30

Next Meeting: November 7, 2023 [in person at City Hall 6:15 pm]