

**Sustainability Committee**  
City of Roeland Park, KS  
**Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 6, 2025, 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 – Co-Chair; Megan Reavis – Co-Chair; Melissa Castillo, Aiden Ellis, Grace Suh, Ginny Varraveto, Natasha Rickel, John Puricelli, Jan Faidley - City Council liaison, Jeffrey Stocks – City Counsel liason

**Members in attendance:** David Smith, John Puricelli, Ginny Varraveto, Grace Suh, Megan Reavis

**Liaison(s) in attendance:** Jan Faidley, Khal Miller, Joey Carley, Jeffrey Stocks

**Guest(s) in attendance:** Jaime Davis, Janna Wilhaus, Nancy Short, Harold Morales

**Call to Order:** 6:19

**Approval of minutes:** 6:19

**Citizen Comment(s):**

**Additions to the Agenda:**

Climate Action KC Summit April 5, a few SustComm members interested in attending

**Sustainability Minute:**

**Agenda:**

- Elections
  - o Status quo remains
    - Megan and David as co-chairs, David remains taking minutes
- Monarch Butterfly Budget Objective update
  - o Submitted by deadline
    - Potentially could get bumped over \$10,000
    - Grace’s concern- hard costs for SustComm side (planting, etc), so making sure we have monies set aside for programming/education
    - Also need clarification regarding City property/right-of-way concerns
- Presentation by Parks Committee on Grass Walk project (6:30pm)
  - o ParksComm wants to partner more with other committees in 2025

- Partnered on wildflower meadow in R Park
- Idea is to re-plant a few areas in which the plants didn't take, remove some landscape fabric
- Barberry plants harbor ticks and will be removed
- Dig out turf area and plant a native "grass walk" to attract birds and bugs
  - Hopefully will be very low-maintenance once established, will incorporate 3 of 4 native tallgrass prairie species
  - Interactive signboard with species info
  - Ginny will be SustComm's liaison to Parks
  - Parks wants more contact with SustComm's master gardeners
- Presentation by Janna and Nancy on Mosquito Dunk project (6:45pm)
  - 30,000 bees in Janna's beehive went from thriving to dead within a few days. Sent to Cornell's lab and confirmed killed by pesticide
  - Wanted to share her use of mosquito dunks- the bacteria in the dunk prevents the mosquito eggs laid in the water from turning into adult mosquitos. The "tainted" water is harmless to humans
  - Idea is to educate citizens and incentivize them. We could potentially just decrease the nearby mosquito population and avoid spraying
  - Provide a 4-month supply of dunks to average person (would be \$2.50 per person, plus bucket)
  - Summit Chemical will sell bulk supplies at \$0.76/dunk
  - For \$100 we could supply approximately 65 yards
    - \$200 passed unanimously
  - Janna and Nancy want to just give these out at City/local events in April/May
    - Survey use levels- Joey could map it properly

**Adjourn:** 7:38

**Next Meeting:** April 3, 2025