

Sustainability Committee
City of Roeland Park, KS
Minutes
Thursday, July 1, 2021, 4:00 pm
Virtual Online Meeting

The purpose of the Environmental 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:

Judy Hyde, Chair; Carol Fields; David Smith; Grace Bennett
Jim Kelly, Council Liaison; Michael Rebne, Alternate Council Liaison

Members in attendance: David Smith, Judy Hyde, Carol Fields, Grace Bennett

Guest(s) in attendance:

Call to Order: 4:03

Approval of minutes: 4:04

Additions to the Agenda: None

New Business:

Old Business:

- **Next steps related to June guest (Michael Miller & Jennifer Brown) presentation?**
 - PowerPoint presentation related to the Citizens Climate Lobby promoting H.R. 2307 The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2021.
<https://citizensclimatelobby.org/laser-talks/energy-innovation-and-carbon-dividend-act/>
 - Committee voted to support EICDA and present to City Council. Will determine a procedure for presenting with CMBR Kelly.
- **Bike repair station:**
 - Quote has been sent to supplier. Shipment has been delayed due to unavailable parts. Dave is waiting for further updates from supplier.
- **Climate Action KC Plan** to be emphasized in Spring meetings.
 - Page 52 has model ordinances for local governments / <https://kcmetroclimateplan.org>
 - As the SustComm does research on potential areas of action (city website searches, etc.), Judy requested that, instead of multiple phone calls or emails, committee members compile a single list of questions for city staff in order to reduce drain on staff members' time. Committee members will send their questions to Judy by July 16; those requests for information will be compiled into one document and sent to city staff.
 - **Energy:**
 - City already installing solar panels on City Hall & Community Center

- Benchmarking ordinances –Dynamhex audits fit this criteria
- Building performance requirements – work in progress?
- International Energy Conservation Code 2021
- Require energy disclosure at time of sale or rent
- Link economic incentives to building performance – possibly through property tax? Start with retail+public buildings and see if similar programs have been implemented elsewhere.
- State and Federal incentive programs (Grace): Grace has a Word document and follow-up questions she will send to the committee.
- **Transportation** (David)
 - Possible Bird Scooter charging stations at City buildings?
 - Look into bike sharing with BWKC
 - Vision Zero – reduce transportation fatalities to zero
 - None of Roe's bus stops have benches or shelters – this should be addressed
 - Potential for rumble strips from highway onto north Roe to calm traffic?
 - Potential use of Pedestrian Scrambles at intersections for added safety?
- **Land Use and Housing**
 - Parking maximums?
 - Develop Complete Streets (Judy)
 - Upgrade bike infrastructure via pumps
 - Some local variances for camper/RV parking given on case-by-case basis
 - Prevent 3-car garages in replacement homes?
- **Solid Waste**
- **Single-use plastics**
- **Green building codes**
 - Permeable paving?
- **Urban Greening**
 - Replace older monoculture trees with more diverse trees
 - Review Prairie Village's new tree canopy protection ordinance
 - Requires a certain number of trees for a given frontage
 - Partner with Parks/Rec
- **Food Systems** (David)
 - Community garden?
 - Personal plots, community donations?
- **Other**
 - Rain barrel reimbursement up to \$75

Discussion/Update:

- Neighbors for a Better Roeland Park July Concerts in R Park
 - Discussed SustComm members bringing their recycling barrels.
- Complete Streets Ordinance draft to be submitted by city for document rating evaluation (Judy):
 - Mayor Kelly was to send in the draft ordinance. The group revising the document did make some of the changes that Michael Kelley suggested. CMBR Faidley will check back with Mayor Kelly after the holiday weekend.
- Should the SustComm return to in-person meetings or continue virtual meetings? Meeting time change or remain the same?
 - Discussion, but no decision yet.
- Budget (\$3,455.31 revised total available SustComm funds)
- Cooper Creek Park Restoration Project update (Judy):

- Split-rail fencing is installed; playscape in progress; planting areas mapped out; replacement native trees chosen; other
- Phase 1 going forward this year
- SustComm will donate \$200 toward native plants for Cooper Creek Park Phase 1
- Review recommendation of a city ordinance regarding maintenance of City tree canopy. (Judy)
- SustComm to provide quarterly Council reports/updates per schedule (Judy):
 - Next one in August

Ongoing:

- SustComm newsletter submissions (Judy & all)
- Facebook posts (Judy)
- DynamHex carbon emission reduction audits (further response by SustComm as needed)
- Pesticide/Herbicide reduction/elimination recommendation
- Continue CFAA policies to maintain certification; update MARC on an annual basis (required every 3 years)

On Hold:

- Review options for a city reduction policy for single-use plastics.
- Review Dark-Sky recommendation to reduce light pollution.

Adjourn: 5:05

Next Meeting: August 5, 2021 [virtual meeting 4:00 pm]