

Sustainability Committee
City of Roeland Park, KS
Agenda
Thursday, February 1, 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 – Chair; Megan Reavis; Melissa Castillo, Aiden Ellis, Grace Suh, Ginny Varraveto
Wade Holtkamp, Benjamin Dickens, City liaisons; Jen Hill, City Council liaisons

Members in attendance: Aiden Ellis (remote), Melissa Castillo, Megan Reavis, David Smith

Liaison(s) in attendance: Wade Holtkamp, Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Jenn Faidley, Cale

Guest(s) in attendance:

Call to Order: 6:18

Approval of minutes: 6:18

Citizen Comment(s):

Additions to the Agenda:

Sustainability Minute:

- Members are invited to highlight and/or share thoughts, experiences, or observations from outside the meetings that illustrate sustainable practices and the importance of the Sustainability Committee's mission. (All)

Old Business

- Calendar of events
 - Co-promote other orgs' events
- Native Plant Resolution next steps
 - Send to City staff, conform language to City's resolutions
- Grace's R Park proposal- add additional native plantings to make park more lush
 - Adopt-a-plot program?
- Roeland Park Community Foundation Board appointment
- Callery pear buyback
 - Deep Roots- replaces callery pear trees with native trees
 - Promote in newsletter
- Goats to eat honeysuckle near Aldi? Takes three growing seasons
- Native plant sales at Shawnee Indian Mission
- JJL's running the Community Foundation Board once again
 - Foundation is a 501(c)(3) that approves grant requests and deals with donations
 - SustComm needs a person to send (Dave)

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New Business:

- JJL's KC Can Compost proposal- City would partner with KC Can Compost (\$13/month subscription)- people get a bucket and liners, take compost to locked compost site with an unlock code. Bins will be at Aldi by Ripple Glass bin, KC Can Compost would service once/month. Costs City \$55/month. Aldi may have their own parallel program. \$60 one-time fee for cans.
 1. Would be an ongoing cost, first year is a pilot program
 2. City will hold some cans at City Hall
 3. Site maintenance fee may eventually be eliminated if enough people participate
 4. May expand to R Park if Aldi plan succeeds- foot traffic
 5. Roesland could be another site- educational experience for kids- Melissa volunteers to sponsor
 6. We will get metrics
 7. Vote: 3-0 in favor of sponsoring
- JJL- budget objective regarding hiring a consultant for sustainability plan for Roeland Park
 1. PV did municipal property assessment audit
 2. Consultant would work with SustComm to develop roadmap in 2024. Approximate cost would be ~\$40,000
 3. Proposals from Keramida and GBA (George Butler and Associates)
 4. RP adopted KC Climate Action Plan June 6 2021
 5. Propose budget objectives in 2024
- Go Green Environmental Fair- RP currently lacks someone on Steering Committee
 1. First friday every month at 9 AM via Zoom- Dave will attend when possible
 2. Someone needs to chair children's activities
- Melissa is now officially a native plant landscape designer
 1. Plan it Native sponsored by Deep Roots KC

Adjourn: 6:57

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