

Sustainability Committee
City of Roeland Park, KS
Agenda
Thursday, August 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 – Co-Chair; Megan Reavis – Co-Chair; Melissa Castillo, Aiden Ellis, Grace Suh, Ginny Varraveto, Jan Faidley - City Council liaison, Benjamin Dickens – City Counsel liason

Members in attendance: Natasha Janes, Michael Janes, David Smith, Melissa Castillo, Ginny Varraveto, Grace Suh, Megan Reavis

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

Guest(s) in attendance:

Call to Order: 6:22

Approval of minutes: 6:22

Citizen Comment(s):

Additions to the Agenda:

- Environmental Fair September 14
- Jan Faidley- Mayor's request

Sustainability Minute:

- Dave: walked bike 6 miles home after Lyft driver refused to change pickup location
- Jan: Vail's electric buses, re-wilding along creekbeds similar to Cooper Creek with wildflower growth
- Grace: Fairway's Park needs way too much irrigation, success of native plants in parks, Deep Roots Habitat Garden Tour had 1115 visits in June!
- Melissa: Urbavore has some CSA memberships available, farm has weekly pickups 15 minutes west of Plaza, more Deep Roots garden tours August 10 in Blue River Valley (Stilwell, Minor Park, Marlborough neighborhood)

Old Business

- Summer R Park Concerts – Ginny (success and ideas)
- Megan and Ginny set up table with literature (Deep Roots, Habitat Gardens, etc)

5-6 people came over in the course of two hours, interested in compost, native gardening materials

Will have free seeds available

Goal is to make people aware SustComm exists and point them toward resources in the community

Melissa can bring eastern redbud seedlings to next concert

Reach out to Ride KC to demo bike? (Dave)

New Business:

- Jan Faidley- Monday City meeting will discuss tree ordinance, Legal will iron out ordinance that can be voted upon
- Tree fund created through ordinance should have more flexibility to help replace/maintain trees instead of just planting new ones on City property
- Mayor approves of Callery Pear incentives as a use for the tree fund
- KS Forest Service tree sale goes live August 30th with fast-growing saplings
- Committee votes to recommend callery pear incentives
- Committee votes to recommend tree protection ordinance
- Bike lanes on Mission Road- project is moving forward, concession to the homeowners would potentially allow parking in bike lanes on southbound side during certain hours
- Mayor wants to know about resolution on invasives- Grace will send Contain the Rain list of native plants
 - Grace to also write press release
- Climate Action KC Plan- Megan to follow up with JJL regarding greenhouse gas inventory
- Lenexa plastic bag incentives- collected 100 lbs of plastic bags and turned it into a park bench
- Grace: some concerns about R Park not having enough native plants
- Ginny: wildflower meadow is a work in progress, outside of blooming season residents may mistake them for weeds
- Native Landscaping Planting Tool Kit for Planning Professionals may help
 - Helps with stewardship and maintenance
- Potentially have a SustComm member attend some Parks meetings as a guest
- Remaining concert days are August 24th and September 14

Adjourn: 7:09

Next Meeting: September 5, 2023 [in person at City Hall 6:15 pm]