

**Sustainability Committee**  
City of Roeland Park, KS  
**Minutes**  
**Thursday, January 2, 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, Benjamin Dickens – City Counsel liaison

**Members in attendance:** David Smith, Peyton Smith, John Puricelli, Natasha Rickel, Aiden Ellis, Grace Suh

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

**Guest(s) in attendance:** Harold Morales

**Call to Order:** 6:18

**Approval of minutes:**

**Citizen Comment(s):**

**Additions to the Agenda:**

**Sustainability Minute:**

**Old Business**

- Ginny updates
- Litter cleanup summary – Dave, Aiden, Melissa?

7 bags, late changes affected turnout

Put Earth Day on calendar now

- April 19<sup>th</sup> is the Saturday before Earth Day and Holy Saturday
- Aiden and Dave will contact school representatives by next meeting

**New Business:**

- Presentation by Harold Morales (former entomologist), RP DEI Committee  
Committee started in 2020, reviews City code and communicates initiatives to RP residents  
Potential Hispanic History month collaboration?  
Demographics statistics of Roeland Park?

- Significant nearby Mexican-American population served by Price Chopper
  - Monarch butterfly migration pattern?
  - Funding?
  - Grace will talk to Harold before next meeting
  - SustComm could get rollover funding if we designate use for funds
  - Much of City's website being translated into Spanish
  - DEI may appoint a liaison to Boulevard Apartment Complex
- Food composting report/update?
    - Significant SustComm 2024 outlay, will assess use of cans
  - Bike update- MARC approved federal grant, KDOT shot it down over maintenance/upkeep, NKC had a similar program approved. Mission and BikeWalkKC also in the dark regarding updates.
  - JoCo Transit wants to increase bus route frequency, will keep all routes

**Adjourn:** 7:02

**Next Meeting:** February 6, 2025 [in person at City Hall 6:15 pm]