

Sustainability Committee
City of Roeland Park, KS
Minutes
Thursday, January 2, 2025, 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, 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 19th 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]