

Sustainability Committee
City of Roeland Park, KS
Minutes
Thursday, April 3, 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, Natasha Rickel, Grace Suh, John Puricelli, Megan Reavis, Peyton Smith

Liaison(s) in attendance: Joey Carley, Jan Faidley

Guest(s) in attendance: Brandon Martin (applied for membership)

Call to Order: 6:19

Approval of minutes: 6:19

Citizen Comment(s):

Additions to the Agenda:

- Parks is willing to partner on Monarch Waystation
 - Financing has received preliminary approval for 2026 budget objective
 - Potentially allocate \$200 in the fall for preparation work with mulch
 - Water naturally collects in the chosen spot
- Budget objective prioritization on website
 - <https://roeland-park-budget.abalancingact.com/2026-budget>
- April 26/27- Preparing beds for Grasswalk in R Park volunteer opportunities (9:00-noon)
 - May 5 landscaping under See Red Run statue

Sustainability Minute:

Old Business

- Climate Action KC Saturday
 - 1. Aiden, John, Ginny, Megan will attend
- Earth Day litter cleanup April 19

New Business:

- Parks and Trees – Ginny
- Brandon Martin- has lived in RP for 1.5 years, wants more volunteer opportunities
 1. Approved by Committee, waiting for official confirmation
 2. Significant regenerative agriculture experience
- Nall Park Trails Event
 1. Joey organizing event for official ribbon cutting for Nall Park mountain bike trails renovation on April 26 at 10 AM
- Parkville – Grace
 1. Grace sent notification that all new Parkville developments require native plants for landscaping
 2. RP has similar ordinance for new developments
 1. Sometimes difficult to source large numbers of native plants, can be supplemented with drought-tolerant non-natives
- Mosquito program
 1. Summit will give us good price on dunks- 77c per
 2. Each kit has 2 dunks, each dunk cut into quarters
 3. Put quarter dunk into bucket every 30 days
 4. If we run out of dunks we can still promote program, we want saturation
 1. 8x11 handouts, would like a poster
 2. Poster would be \$55ish, City has relationship with Moss Printing
 3. Handouts would go out in kits
 4. 156 households interested so far
 5. Set up workshops? What facility could she use
 1. 3 classrooms at Community Center could be available if not booked for other things
 2. City Council meeting room, additional meeting room
 3. Shelter at R Park
 6. Summit needs a purchase order with group name- hopefully we can get
 7. Committee voted to double spending to \$400
 8. Mosquito Joe does not have a license to operate in Roeland Park- can be reported

Adjourn: 7:16

Next Meeting: May 1, 2025