

Sustainability Committee
City of Roeland Park, KS
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 5, 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, MayPayton Smith, Brandon Martin, Jan Faidley - City Council liaison, Jeff Stocks – City Counsel liaison

Members in attendance: Meagan Reavis, Aiden Ellis, Ginny Varraveto, Grace Suh, John Puricelli, Natasha Rickel, Brandon Martin

Liaison(s) in attendance: Jan Faidley

Guest(s) in attendance: Mike Miller

Call to Order: 6:24 PM

Approval of minutes:

Citizen Comment(s):

Additions to the Agenda:

Sustainability Minute:

Agenda:

- Presentation by Mike Miller, Citizens Climate Lobby

Mike presented Citizen's Climate lobby recommendations for updated building codes based on the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code, which they are trying to get approved in by municipalities across Johnson County.

Existing codes used by the majority of the county are from 2015, and include so many amendments that the code is similar to the efficiency of 2006 codes.

Newly proposed code is expected to increase new-build building energy efficiency by 20% through better air sealing in duct work and walls, thicker exterior walls allowing for more insulation, etc.

Proposed code is based on a flexible compliance model, rather than strict guidelines for every aspect of a building. They expect this will make it easier for builders to comply with the code.

Mike mentioned that CCL *strongly* recommends that this code be adopted without amendments in order to preserve its efficacy.

- Strategic planning committee update – Brandon

The planning committee has begun assisting the city's consultants through brainstorming issues most important to citizens

Brandon Martin was elected chair of the committee

Next meeting will be spent revising the survey that will be sent to all RP residents.

- Mosquito program update – Joey

not discussed

- 75th Anniversary ideas – Joey

not discussed

- Chapter 13 codes review

Not discussed in detail, tentative plans to discuss further at a later date

- \$50k funding reallocation – Jan

Adjourn: 7:15 PM

Next Meeting: July 3, 2025