



Sustainability Commission Minutes

May 22, 2025 5:00 PM

Truman Memorial Building - 416 W. Maple Ave

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

In attendance: Tony Sommer, Chair, Madalyn Osborn, Secretary, Maureen Kennedy, Dan McGraw, Cassandra Krul, and Josh Eis, staff liaison. The Commission has one vacancy.
Absent: John Lunn

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. January 9, 2025 meeting minutes approval

Minutes approved as distributed: (Osborn, Kennedy)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Award for local business or individual update

Two nominations from the public:

Individual - Wes Epperson (2 separate nominations)

Group - Bold ReUse

Marketing - Continue working with City and Chamber to post on social media.

2. Award information:

<https://form.jotform.com/240734299067060>

<https://www.independencemo.gov/government/city-departments/municipal-services/environmental-programs/sustainability->

[award](#)

Sustainability Commission information:

<https://www.independencemo.gov/government/city-departments/boards-and-commissions/current-boards-and-commissions/sustainability-commission>

3. Bike Ride of Historic Places – new tentative date

1. Frontiers museum
2. Railroad Museum
3. Bingham Waggoner

Fall tentative date of Saturday, Oct 11th.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2025 Commission priorities – at least one sustainability related subject

- Independence Cable Dahmer Arena Waste Evaluation

Independence Cable Dahmer Arena Waste Evaluation through Bold Reuse

1. Plan to work with Independence Parks Department and/or Bold Reuse for feasibility evaluation. Is waste being actively sorted at the Arena currently? If not, we are not sure how feasible this is.
2. Josh to reach out to someone from Parks Department to invite to next commission meeting.

Potential clean up on the Square through Independence Square Association? Maureen to investigate

EV chargers on the Square - what is the long term plan with them?

- i. were used by City for electric vehicles that are no longer in service. Now they are sitting unused.
- ii. Building they are next to may be demolished, are chargers going to be removed or relocated?
- iii. Cassandra reached out to IPL for potential of partnership with Square businesses so chargers can be placed back into service. Josh to follow up

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting scheduled for June 12, 2025, 5 PM

Meeting adjourned at 5:30PM