



Sustainability Commission SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION Minutes

January 9, 2025 5:00 PM

Truman Memorial Building - 416 W. Maple Ave

CALL TO ORDER

Tony Sommer called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

ROLL CALL

Attendance: Tony Sommer, chair, Madalyn Osborn, secretary, Maureen Kennedy, Dan McGraw, John Lunn, Council Member McCandless, and Josh Eis, staff. Guest Cassandra K was present as a potential new member. **The commission has two vacancies.**

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as distributed. (Osborn, Kennedy).

1. Sustainability Minutes - November 14, 2024

OLD BUSINESS

1. Award for Local business or individual update:

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

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

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

Award for local business or individual update

- Josh said no new submissions for 2024
- Committee focus for 2025 is promoting nomination form
- Josh sent flyers to group, press release still pending
- Opportunities to hand out flyers at several events next year, farmers markets, hazardous waste collections, etc.
- Chamber Newsletter, good advertisement to around 800 members
- Meaningful Living Newsletter, Audrey ?
- Other local groups who may be interested in distributing
- Englewood Arts, Chamber of Commerce, Community Centers, School Districts (Principals and/or Superintendent), Neighborhood Meetings, HOA meetings, CID-involved businesses
- John to look into reaching out to Independence area schools and CID's
- Maureen to reach out to Square Association, Englewood Arts, and maybe HOA's/Community Pages
- Maddy to reach out to Chamber
- Chamber could potentially be nominated for new partnership with Bold ReUse

2. Bike Ride of Historic Places - Postponed until Spring 2025

Looking at May/June time frame. Avoid the first Saturday in June (Strawberry Fest.) Tentative date of May 31st . 10am Start time. Meet at parking lot we met last year. Could plan for early to try and beat GO Bond vote, but late March might be too quick of a turnaround to plan the event
Push to local organizations to communicate event (Peddler's, BikeWalkKC)
Plan to only visit 2-3 locations to keep accessible

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2025 Commission priorities - at least one sustainability-related subject
 - Update on Bold Reuse

Josh investigated, there are several options for partnership packages with the organization Prior waste sorting being done by other organizations (Chiefs) and cuts cost of program

1. Option for Bold ReUse to do sorting but there is extra cost
2. Sorting of waste labor options: Potential for workforce development program or partnership with Independence Together (since that program just took over waste management for the Events Center)
3. Next step is to discuss with Indep Parks Department about current waste management

- practices and understand opportunities to improve, Josh to see if we can get someone to come to the next meeting to represent Events Center perspective
4. Field Trip? Olathe and Sugar Creek commission meetings? Two cities who are doing a lot about waste management within the metro

SET DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting - February 13th, 2025 at 5 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6 pm