



Sustainability Commission Minutes

June 12, 2025 5:00 PM

Truman Memorial Building - 416 W. Maple Ave

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

1. Attendance: Tony Sommer, chair, Madalyn Osborn, secretary, Maureen Kennedy, Dan McGraw, Cassandra Krul, and Josh Eis, staff. **The commission has two vacancies.**

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. May 22, 2025, Meeting Minute Approval
1. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as distributed. (Osborn, McGraw).

OLD BUSINESS

1. Award for local business or individual update

Two nominations submitted for the Award so far

1. Individual – Wes Epperson (2 separate nominations)
2. Group – Bold ReUse

Marketing – keep pushing award to people we think makes sense

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 – tentative date Saturday, Oct 11th

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

1. Maureen to talk to one contact about ride
2. Tony to reach out to locations to get date on their calendar

4. 2025 Commission priorities – at least one sustainability related subject

- Independence Cable Dahmer Arena Waste Evaluation

1. Josh emailed with Parks Department and received response that management company switched from plastic to aluminum cups, which are washed or recycled if they are damaged. Have met with MARC about composting and considered applying for SWMD grant but decided not feasible due to not generating enough food waste for machinery. Staff attempts to limit food purchasing to all that is needed. Applied (?) for grant for partnership with KC Can Compost.
 1. Agreed that partnership with Bold ReUse no longer seems like a good goal, appears Arena is making successful attempts at limiting disposable cup waste
 2. Plan to discuss commission priorities next meeting to decide on new focus for the commission
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2. Potential clean up on the Square through Independence Square Association? Maureen to investigate
 1. Maureen to discuss with Square Commission if there are any planned cleanups for the future
 3. EV chargers on the Square

1. Cassandra reached out to IPL and learned that chargers are going to be removed, might have limited options for actions in donating/reusing these

NEW BUSINESS

1. Slavic Festival – big event for potential waste reduction (also SantaCaliGon)
 1. Bold ReUse submitted MARC SWMD grant in attempt to do work at an event like one of these
 2. Might be useful to survey vendors about openness to sustainability-related measures at these events

2. Next Meeting – July 17th, 2025, 5:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT