



## Sustainability Commission SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION Minutes

November 14, 2024 5:00 PM

Truman Memorial Building - 416 W. Maple Ave

### CALL TO ORDER

1. Tony Sommer called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

### ROLL CALL

1. Members in attendance: Tony Sommer, chair, Madalyn Osborn, secretary, Maureen Kennedy, Dan McGraw, and Josh Eis, staff. and John Lunn were absent. **The commission has two vacancies.**

### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. October 10, 2024 Minutes

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Josh has new flyers to be distributed/posted, press release pending
2. Opportunities to hand out flyers at several events next year, farmers markets, hazardous waste collections, etc.
3. Chamber Newsletter, good advertisement to around 800 members
4. Other local groups who may be interested in distributing
  1. Englewood Arts, Chamber of Commerce, Fairmount Community Center, School Districts, Neighborhood Meetings, HOA meetings, CID-involved businesses

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>

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

- i. Looking at May/June time frame. Avoid the first Saturday in June (Strawberry Fest.)

- Tentative date of May 31st

- ii. Plan to only visit 2-3 locations to keep accessible

- c. Email invite has been updated to include Goals & Objectives

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discuss 2025 Commission Priorities

New applicant for Commission. Josh has forwarded to Tony, City Clerk, and Councilmember McCandless for review/approval. Tony and Councilmember McCandless to set up MS Teams interview. Josh to forward application to rest of Commission.

1. Goals and Objectives will continue to move forward into 2025.
2. Sustainability Award and Bike Ride are main priorities for now.
3. Not expecting to take place in many formal trash pickups due to Independence Together and no more Mayor's Trash Pickups, but can continue to look for opportunities and advocate for pickups. Could support other groups doing trash pickups
4. Goal of advising City Council on at least one sustainability-related subject in 2025. Councilmember McCandless suggests letter to each member with very specific asks/recommendations. Offered idea of Bold Reuse coming to Independence as starting point, can recommend to the City to pursue grant. Josh mentioned city may be eligible for MARC grant funds for Bold Reuse program. KC Can Compost educational program, could send letter of request to school districts to pursue this opportunity.

Don't dump, goes to stream stickers

Free and available to HOA's, groups, businesses if they request from city, something to add to Chamber Newsletter

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 12, 2024.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM