



Sustainability Commission Minutes

July 17, 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. June 12, 2025, Meeting Minute Approval

June Minutes

Minutes were approved as distributed (Osborn, McGraw)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Award for local business or individual update

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>

1. Additional nomination submitted for Bold ReUse by Lindsey Browne
2. Josh mentioned that we are close enough to end of year that we should try to finalize the award/plaque/how to present
 - a. Josh to reach out to Tree Commission, see if we can attend one of their meetings, and see if we can get a tree
 - b. Solid Waste Committee (MARC) makes recycled award-type items we could consider - Josh to reach out to Nadja with MARC SWMD
3. Bike Ride of Historic Places – tentative date Saturday, Oct 11th
 1. Frontiers museum
 2. Railroad Museum
 3. Bingham Waggoner

Maybe add Chicago Alton Depot location

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2025 Commission priorities

Commission Priorities Moving Forward

1. Aim to brainstorm new commission focus ideas for next meeting (based off Commission Strategic Goals document)
2. Consider Community Outreach ideas – how can we make people aware of opportunities like the MARC SWMD grant for waste reduction projects
 1. Ample funds available for projects that reduce waste sent to landfills (especially small grants projects (<\$3,500))
 2. Grant can be applied to a variety of uses as long as the use is tied to waste reduction

Next meeting August 14th 2025, 5PM

ADJOURNMENT

5:35PM