



Sustainability Commission Minutes

August 14, 2025 5:00 PM

Truman Memorial Building - 416 W. Maple Ave

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was started at 5pm

ROLL CALL

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. July 14, 2025, Meeting Minute Approval
2. July Minutes

July Minutes were approved as distributed (Osborn, Kennedy)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Award for local business or individual update
 - a. Looked into getting award from Resource Revival, which re-uses materials to make custom items - Josh to reach out to see if they would be willing to produce a small number of items or if they can only accommodate bulk orders
 - b. Josh reached out to tree commission, waiting to hear back
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
4. Chicago Alton Depot

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2025 Commission priorities

1. Could we get bins for recycling at city facilities - Josh's insight is that custodians are usually not responsible or do not have the bandwidth to handle recycling
 - i. EPA has grants for establishing recycling infrastructure
 - ii. What are standards for including trees and green space in new construction and development? Can we increase the requirements/standards for amount of green space?
 - i. Partnership with Heartland Conservation Alliance or Bridging the Gap?
 - ii. What are ways increased green space could be framed to be beneficial to developers?
 - iii. Complete streets projects should have more green space included
2. Next meeting September 11th 2025, 5PM

ADJOURNMENT

5:40 PM