



Sustainability Commission Minutes

September 11, 2025 5:00 PM

Truman Memorial Building - 416 W. Maple Ave

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was started at 5:07 pm.

ROLL CALL

Attendance: Tony Sommer, Chair, Maureen Kennedy, Dan McGraw, Cassandra Krul, and Josh Eis, Staff. Madalyn Osborn excused. The commission has two vacancies.

Guests: Carly Young and Diane Papiernik

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. August 14, 2025, Meeting Minute Approval

Meeting minutes approved as distributed (Kennedy, Krul)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Award for local business or individual update

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](#)

Will continue to explore award possibilities (Eis)

Will continue to reach out to the tree commission (Eis)

2. Bike Ride of Historic Places – tentative date Saturday, Oct 11th

1. Frontiers museum
2. Railroad Museum
3. Bingham Waggoner
4. Chicago Alton Depot

Will reach out to Maddie and will contact the historical places (Sommer)

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2025 Commission priorities

Will work to explore the use of trees on the Square (Krul and Osborn)

Will attend the next Tree Commission meeting (Krul)

The recycling at city facilities - the Palmer Center does collect aluminum cans.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting scheduled for October 2, 2025 5 pm (note the change to the first Thursday)

Meeting adjourned at 5:34pm