



Sustainability Commission Minutes

October 2, 2025 5:00 PM

Truman Memorial Building - 416 W. Maple Ave

CALL TO ORDER

1. Tony Sommer called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. September 11, 2025, Meeting Minute Approval
1. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as distributed. (Osborn, McGraw).

OLD BUSINESS

1. Award for local business or individual update
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 - i. Josh waiting to hear back on potential bike chain award/trophy
2. Independence Square Trees Discussion
 - i. Cassandra attending a meeting next Wednesday to ask about teaming up for tree

- plantings around the square
3. Bike Ride of Historic Places
 - i. Couldn't pull together for this October, postponing for next spring potentially. Still like the list of locations we compiled and the plan.
 4. Commission Priorities
 - a. No discussion this month
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. From McCandless - Prairie Village just started a pilot program around composting - could we look into this and the potential to do something similar?
 1. Started July 1st
 2. Partnership with KC Can Compost
 3. Using 'Smart' Cans for food drop off
 4. Potential to use MARC grant for our own pilot program? To provide space for cans that citizens could access?
 5. Would be for the year 2027, as 2026 grant deadline has ended
 6. Should communicate with Prairie Village to get tour/input about how it is working for the City of Prairie Village, and then reach out to the private side if we want to pursue
 7. Do our own research for whether we want to pursue, who wants to be on the subcommittee, and whether we want to visit a facility
 8. Add this to Old Business and re-visit once we have new members on
2. Everybody needs to watch the Commission intro video and confirm with Josh once watched

3. Next Meeting – November 13th, 2025, 5:00 PM

1. 2025 Commission priorities

ADJOURNMENT

1. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.