



# INDEPENDENCE ★ MISSOURI ★

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## Sustainability Commission Minutes

November 13, 2025 5:00 PM

Truman Memorial Building - 416 W. Maple Ave

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### ROLL CALL

Tony Sommer, chair, Madalyn Osborn, secretary, Maureen Kennedy, Carly, new member, and Josh Eis, staff. **The commission has one vacancy.**

### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. October 2, 2025, Meeting Minute Approval
1. The minutes of the October 2nd meeting were approved as distributed. (Osborn, Kennedy).

### 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. No new award nominations
2. Josh waiting to hear back on potential bike chain award/trophy
3. Josh and Madalyn to reach out to City and Chamber about one final social media push before the end of the year.
  3. Bike Ride of Historic Places – Postpone to 2026
    1. Frontiers museum
    2. Railroad Museum
    3. Bingham Waggoner
    4. Chicago Alton Depot

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. 2025 Commission priorities
  1. Potential compost partnership with KC Can Compost
    - a. Prairie Village has program
    - b. Reviewed MARC SWMD Grant and potential for the grant to fund
    - c. If Commission agrees to recommend to Council, we will need to organize a formal recommendation via letter, email, meeting, or other communication
    - d. Carly planning to reach out to KC Can Compost and see what ideas for partnership they have, and if they might be willing to come to a meeting
    - e. Carly, Maureen, and Madalyn agreed to work on learning more as a subcommittee
  2. Madalyn meeting with someone from Entergrity Partners business to see if they would be able to do an energy efficiency audit (or something similar) for the city, or potential to come to a meeting
  3. Maureen looking to explore current trash clean up efforts

Next meeting Wed Dec 10th, 2025 5PM

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 PM