



# INDEPENDENCE ★ MISSOURI ★

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## Sustainability Commission Minutes

December 10, 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

Attendance: Madalyn Osborn, secretary, Maureen Kennedy, Carly Young, Dan McGraw, Cassandra Krul, Councilmember Bridget McCandless, and Josh Eis, staff. **The commission has one vacancy.**

### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. October 2, 2025, Meeting Minute Approval

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as distributed. (Kennedy, Osborn).

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Award for local business or individual update
  - a) Josh reached out to City to push one final social media post, Madalyn still to reach out to Chamber
  - b) Commission to review 2025 submissions in January or early next year, Josh to confirm no new submissions at the end of 2025

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 – Postpone to 2026

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

Postponed until next spring

4. KC Can Compost Information Update

- a) Carly, Maureen, and Maddy agreed to form a subcommittee and look into it
- b) Bridget looking to see if we could potentially have a small-scale trial
- c) Carly spoke with KC Can Compost, looking to see how many people would be serviced, what type of cans we'd want (smart, or not smart), and for next steps, have a formal discussion with either the whole group or with the subcommittee
- d) Do we have any data or studying that has examined how many people in Independence currently compost or would be willing to compost? Would need to decide on location (farmers market?)
- e) Josh – could we partner with someone like Ted's Trash, who already sees visitors dropping off their recycling? Seems like the demographic of visitors to recycling drop off centers might be more likely to use the compost facilities
- f) Next steps – Carly to coordinate having KC Can Compost attend the next Sustainability Commission meeting (after January)

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. 2025 Commission priorities

- a) No Discussion this month
- b) No new business
- c) Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 15th, 2026 5PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:22PM