

**Sustainability Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**

MEETING DATE	April 18, 2019
PLACE	City Hall, Second Floor Conference Room
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER	4:06 p.m.
MEETING ADJOURNED	5:19 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>ABSENT</u></b>
John Berendzen	X	
Elizabeth Bloomfield-Deal		X
Kim Cole	X	
Danelle Haake	X	
Jamie Hasemeier	X	
Erik Lueders	X	
Padraic McGrath	X	
Jeffrey Tomich	X	

**Also Present**

Steve Wylie, Staff Liaison; Gerry Welch, City Council Liaison.

1. Kim called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. and Danelle called the roll.
2. Minutes from March 4 were reviewed. John moved to approve; Jamie seconded, and the motion to approve passed.
3. Recycling Update: Steve spoke with Dan Hanna of Waste Management (WM) about the glass recycling grant that Webster Groves is applying for. WM had been earning about \$15-20 per ton on the recyclables, but now it is about a \$90 per ton loss, so they would be pleased to see our glass going elsewhere.
4. Bag Update: Deb handed off the information she had gathered on possible bag suppliers to Jamie. We need to decide what bag we want to use. To accomplish this, we should get samples to evaluate quality, determine the cost per unit. We need to determine what grant opportunities exist and verify application deadlines; possibly our next opportunity is in the Fall. We may also approach grocery stores for sponsorships, but if we want to do this, we should prepare a letter outlining what we want to do, why we are doing it, why they should be our partner, etc. and then ask to schedule a meeting with them.
5. Walkable/Bikable Update: John gave a brief presentation on three proposed action items:
  - We would like to move forward on lane restructuring on Lockwood from Rock Hill to Berry. To this end, a rep from Public Works will be invited to an upcoming meeting.
  - An ordinance requiring bike racks for new commercial/apartment developments had been drafted and will be reviewed by Steve and the Planning Department. In addition, we are interested in reaching out to the special taxing districts regarding shared bike racks. Steve will look into pricing.
  - We would like to collaborate with WG Police Department on pedestrian/bike safety. To this end a rep from the Police Department will be invited to the next meeting.

6. Collaboration with Greenspace Advisory Commission: Jamie attended their meeting in March. We have been invited to join their April 24<sup>th</sup> planting event. We may be able to work with them on their Speaker Series, possibly inviting Jean Ponzi to speak in conjunction with our forthcoming recycling/bag program.
7. Miscellaneous: Steve will look into the Green Cities Challenge. It appears we may have missed an April 10<sup>th</sup> deadline to sign up. We may want to hold off on participating as our agenda for this summer is filling.
8. Next meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 20 at 4:30 p.m. We also scheduled a subcommittee meeting for May 2 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss details on the reusable bag program and the walkable/bikeable program.
9. Danelle moved to close the meeting, Jeffrey seconded, and motion passed at 5:19 p.m. to adjourn.