

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

MEETING DATE	June 17, 2019
PLACE	City Hall, Second Floor Conference Room
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER	4:04 p.m.
MEETING ADJOURNED	5:01 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 4:04 p.m. and Danelle called the roll.
2. Minutes from May 20 were reviewed. Jamie moved to approve with corrections to the spelling of John's name and to add Gerry Welch to the listed attendees, John seconded, and the motion to approve passed.
3. Minutes from the subcommittee meeting were reviewed. Elizabeth moved to approve, Jamie seconded, and the motion to approve passed.
4. Green Bag Update: One of the purposes of these bags is to Reduce the consumption of one-time use plastics and Reuse the bags rather than sending more plastic bags to be Recycled (often improperly). The commission intends to compile a Statement of Purpose, product information, a draft budget, and concepts for bag distribution for distribution to City Council in September. Ideally, we will be seeking funds for this project from the solid waste grant program – call for proposals is expected in October with a December deadline. Elizabeth volunteered to continue efforts on the grant. John volunteered to assemble a spreadsheet with information on the number of bags we will order under various grant/donation scenarios.
5. Other Recycling: The recycling at Art and Air (portable blue plastic lids/frames with clear bags) appeared very successful with relatively low contamination. Gerry volunteered to follow-up for details on who these belong to and their impression on their success so that we can encourage their use at other community events.
6. Collaboration with Green Space Advisory Commission: We will join with GSAC in the WG parade on July 4. The parade theme is Scenes of Summer. Jamie is making the final T-shirt order. We are invited to help with float decoration on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 8 or 8:30.

7. Charging Stations: There are anticipated financial incentives (federal, state, Ameren) for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations. If we learn of any for which Webster businesses and/or residents may be eligible, we should be prepared to promote these. Jeffrey volunteered to communicate with the taxing districts to provide information and gauge their interest in adding stations. Steve volunteered to explore the inclusion of appropriate wiring for potential future charging stations at the Rec Center parking lot as they are in the process of upgrading the electrical system to the light poles and cameras.
8. Bike Racks: A bike rack will be added behind Frisco in Old Orchard. John will send our recommended language for a bike rack ordinance to Steve. There is currently no bike rack at City Hall, so perhaps this should be our next target location.
9. Miscellaneous:
  - On Thursday, June 20, Maypop is hosting a mosquito talk.
  - We are not involved in the Green Cities Challenge this year.
  - We suggest that the City work toward a low-to-no waste philosophy when hosting events. Particularly, the Holiday Party would be a good candidate event to give this a shot. Gerry is on the planning committee for this event and will share our suggestion with the committee members. Several commission members offered to assist if desired.
  - If somehow we have the green bag initiative up and running, we would like to roll out the first bags at the Holiday Party as a gift to participants.
10. Next meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 19 at 4:00 p.m.
11. Jeffrey moved to close the meeting, Danelle seconded, and motion passed at 5:01 p.m. to adjourn.