

Sustainability Commission - Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE	August 19, 2019
PLACE	City Hall, Second Floor Conference Room
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER	4:05 p.m.
MEETING ADJOURNED	5:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
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 4:05 p.m. and Danelle called the roll.
2. Minutes from June 19 were reviewed. Jamie moved to approve, Jeffrey seconded, and the motion to approve passed.
3. Green Bag Update: Goals: decrease plastic bag usage, brand WG as a green community, provide education/outreach, survey residents.
Timeline was presented: grants to apply for in October 2019/April 2020, Distribute bags in summer 2020. Following up with John regarding the opportunity to apply for the October grant with St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District.
Nine scenarios were proposed for purchasing 1000 bags, considering three different types of bags and varying depending on success at getting grants and donations.
Kim and Jamie will make initial contact with grocery store managers.
4. Recycling containers at community events: Steve presented information on the cost to rent or buy the event recycling containers (plastic lids/frames with clear bags). Staff thought is to rent 10-20 for upcoming Jazz festival (September 21). Possibly monitor bags. Also, change the bags at 9 or 9:30 pm to prevent contamination when people start to throw everything away together at 10-11pm. Consider working with Earth Day 365 on getting a trash sorting booth for some future event.
5. Charging Stations: No current rebates, but may be something in the next year or so. Jeffrey is preparing to reach out to the business districts to gage their interest. Steve is working to ensure that conduit is laid during repaving of the Rec Center lot for a potential future charging station. Use of pervious pavement in the lot was suggested; might pay for itself in taking care of MSD requirements and allowing water to soak in (not pool) to cut salt use due to refreezing.
6. Miscellaneous: Suggestion made that WG consider a Sustainability Director, maybe a shared position with other cities. Working to make WG holiday party a low waste/zero waste event.
7. Next meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 16 at 4:00 p.m.
8. Erik moved to close the meeting, Danelle seconded, motion passed at 5:20 p.m. to adjourn.