

Sustainability Commission
Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE	May 23, 2016
PLACE	City Hall, Second Floor Conference Room
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER	4:05 p.m.
MEETING ADJOURNED	5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
John Berendzen	X	
Padraic McGrath	X	
Richard Janis		X
Kim Hoskins	X	
Paul Marske	X	
Erik Lueders	X	
Patricia LaPresta	X	
Danelle Haake	X	

Also Present

- Steve Wylie, Staff Liaison
- Greg Mueller, City Council Liaison

1. Paul opened the meeting and introductions were made/role was taken by Kim.
2. Steve announced that Greg Gebhart resigned from the commission due to personal issues and Padraic McGrath was appointed to serve on the commission in his place.
3. Steve announced that Greg Mueller is the new City Council Liaison.
4. John moved to approve March 28 minutes, Kim seconded and the motion was approved.
5. Kim gave an update on the Bikable/Walkable plan Implementation – the Webster Groves High School Experiential Learning class which would help implement the plan did not have any students sign up for the class. The commission discussed and brainstormed alternatives methods of implementation including other potential partnerships with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Webster University.
 - ➔ Erik will follow up with his contacts at Webster University to inquire about the possibility of an intern to help implement the plan.
 - ➔ Patricia will take the lead on identifying action items which the Bikeable/Walkable Plan identifies as the responsibility of the Sustainability Commission. A new tab will be added to this document: [Walkable/Bikeable Implementation](#)
 - ➔ Goal is to summarize 3 accomplished objectives and also to identify 2-3 goals/objectives to

accomplish this year. Plan to present accomplishments and new objectives to City Council to assist with community involvement/public awareness.

6. Planning Process Review – refer to planning document: [Sustainability Ideas](#)
 - Environment/Community Partners – Danelle summarized each focus area (honeysuckle removal, rainscapes, butterfly habitat, rock salt usage, and emerald ash border) including resources and potential action items. Ideas included education efforts, community outreach/involvement efforts, and policy development for invasive species.
 - Benchmarking – Erik gave an update which included benchmarking similar to Maplewood and Creve Cour which was facilitated through USGBC. Alternative is to benchmark based on square footage, energy usage, parking, etc. over the course of one year or multiple years to benchmark/see trends on energy (and potentially other utilities). Steve said that the City did an Ameren study a few years ago to help prioritize improvements at City Hall and the Rec Center.
→ Erik will provide more information on the required information to do this benchmarking at the next meeting.
7. Next meeting will be June 27.
8. Danelle moved to close the meeting; John seconded the motion and the motion was approved.