

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

MEETING DATE	January 23, 2018
PLACE	City Hall, Second Floor Conference Room
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER	4:05 p.m.
MEETING ADJOURNED	5:14 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Padraic McGrath	X	
Erik Lueders	X	
Richard Janis		X
Kim Hoskins	X	
Deborah Frank		X
Paul Marske	X	
John Berendzen	X	
Danelle Haake	X	
Jeffrey Tomich	X	

**Also Present**

Steve Wylie, Staff Liaison, Kelsey Wingo (Sustainability Planner, Webster University) and Anna Sweeley (Webster Resident)

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.
2. Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and these changes are to be made: "Padraic (not Adam as was noted in the minutes) has completed work on the survey." Erik motioned to approved, seconded by Danelle, approved unanimously
3. Kelsey Wingo with Webster University was invited to describe the University's soon to launch Bike Share program. They are beginning with 10 bikes: this number could grow depending on participation. Initially the bikes are available for students, faculty and staff only. Kelsey noted that at some future date, the program could potentially be opened to Webster Groves residents.
4. Kelsey noted they foresee key locations for those using the bike share program to visit would be Old Orchard, Old Webster, the apartments on Lockwood at Glen and the Metrolink station at Shrewsbury.
5. Kelsey noted that the majority of students attending the university are commuters (80% undergrad, 100% graduate). The bike share program may allow those who've parked to more readily visit local businesses.
6. The bikes were purchased from local Webster business "the Hub". They will also maintain the bikes.
7. The commission asked what we can do to assist the University as part of our sustainable community mission. Kelsey noted that this is as yet unknown – her attendance at the meeting was to provide information to the commission. The commission noted that advocating for bikeable/walkable neighborhoods and providing bike parking in key areas may assist their program.
8. The Green Dining Alliance program was discussed. Paul attended a meeting with Olive and Oak and Jenn DeRose from the GDA – Olive and Oak is a member of the GDA.

9. If Webster Groves/Old Webster can get 25% of the non-chain restaurants to join as GDA members, we can certify the area as a "Green Dining District.
10. Paul has drafted a letter describing the GDA program and the benefits to the business and city. Steve will review the letter with Council (letter to be on City Letterhead, from both Jenn DeRose and Sustainability Commission members). Sustainability Commission to await Steve's meeting before letters are sent.
11. If letters are acceptable to council, commission members will hand deliver the letter to various Old Webster restaurants. The assignments would be as follows:
  - John: Sushi Station
  - Kim: Robust
  - Danelle: San Jose
  - Jeff: The Block
  - Padraic: Webster Garden Café
  - Paul: C.J. Muggs
12. Compost bin survey results were reviewed. Padraic noted that we received 239 responses out of 500 surveys sent – a very good turnout. The responses were overwhelmingly positive. Our next quarterly report to St. Louis County is due February 27<sup>th</sup>, and the survey will be attached.
13. Miscellaneous items: Steve noted that Adam has resigned from the Sustainability Commission. Deborah Frank is our new member.
14. Paul asked that each commission member think about next steps/2018 goals and bring their thoughts to the next meeting.
15. Our next meeting is set for 4:00 p.m. February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
16. Business being concluded, Danelle motioned to adjourn: Kim seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

End of minutes.