

Sustainability Commission
Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE	April 19, 2021
PLACE	Zoom Meeting
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER	4:02 p.m.
MEETING ADJOURNED	4:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Jamie Hasemeier	x	
Christine Luebbert	x	
Michael Stauss	x	
Padraic McGrath	x	
Elizabeth Schappe	x	
Jeffrey Tomich	x	
John Berendzen	x	

Also Present: Laura Arnold, City Council Liaison, Todd Rehg, Public Works Director.

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.
2. Minutes from last meeting were reviewed. Elizabeth motioned to approve, Jeff seconded. Approved unanimously.
3. There were no Visitor Comments to address.

Old Business.

1. Laura will take the Commission's "Walkable-Bikeable" comments from the previously completed Master Plan to the City Manager. Laura noted the Coty is in "budget consideration" season, which impacts the Council's agenda (they are busy). Lead time to hear back is typically a month although it could be longer.
2. Stripping on Lockwood is schedule to occur next spring (in reference to notation above/bike lanes).
3. Jamie suggests keeping subcommittee, and to continue to consider how we become a more walkable bikeable community.
4. Partnership with the BDC was discussed: This is a general conversation to understand how we might support each other. Jamie will reach out to Dr. Majeed (visitor from previous meeting).
5. Follow up on Energy Use within the City: The Commission was forwarded a document on "Fleetcarma". The Commission needs to determine ways that energy conservation and sustainable energy production might become part of our mission. Jeff noted he brought up the "Fleetcarma" precedent as one example of how our city may become more

sustainable/energy aware. There are certainly others. This is offered as a discussion point. Jamie offered up Collinsville and Granite City IL as examples of cities that have sustainability plans to review. The link to these plans are:

collinsville- sustainability plan

<https://www.collinsvilleil.org/home/showpublisheddocument/1577/637395849572830000>

granite city- sustainability action plan

<http://greenercleanergc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/COOL-CITIES-City-of-Granite-City-Sustainability-Action-Plan-0D0A-Final-Draft-Sept-2017.pdf>

6. Mayors for 100% Clean Energy pledge: Jamie noted the draft letter/proposal that was sent earlier today. Laura will review the final version (once sent) and will bring to the Council. We can sign as a Commission. The link to that letter is <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-Nj730DHAKT7fc56-zHe7pr9jMMttNaUScXjezOGe0Y/edit>
7. Jeff, Michael, Jamie and John noted they would be willing to join a subcommittee to investigate various energy/sustainability related issues.

New Business

8. Green Cities Challenge: Jamie attended the training session earlier in the year. Our next steps would be to work with Jean Ponzi (local sustainability advocate/Earthways Green Resource Manager) to determine what we might focus on for this year. In 2018 we introduced recycling at the parks, did some lighting improvements, added water bottle filler units in select city properties. Eric Lueders had done some building evaluation in terms of greenhouse gas emissions. Jamie will talk to Eric to gather this information.
9. Green Cities Challenge subcommittee: Michael is interested.
10. Douglas Hill Development. Timeline: the developers have submitted an application for zoning changes. The Plan commission will have a series of hearings, starting in June. This will most likely take several months. Council is still waiting on Development Strategies Economic Impact report. There is a model of the proposed development in City Hall.
11. Jeff asked if there has been a study to look at the impact on the Shady Creek. The developer has to complete stormwater studies and will have to address stormwater on site. The city is replacing the culvert at Kirkham and Elm.

12. Michael noted the website does discuss their sustainability studies. The info can be found on the City's website at <https://webstergroves.org/572/Douglass-Hill--Old-Webster-Redevelopment>
13. Laura noted that SG Collaborative would most likely be willing to attend a Commission meeting.
14. Plan Commission Meetings: Michael attended the meeting in March. The City Planner gave an in-depth discussion of proposing changes for multi-family.
15. Laura announced that Plan Commission is looking at multifamily in commercial districts (duplex's). The legislation will allow duplex(s) in A4 districts. The second proposal addresses the Floor Area Ratio. If Commission members want to comment as citizens, they should send an email to the City Council.
16. Laura noted that discussions about city priorities will be coming: Commission should be aware and consider how this might impact the Commission efforts.
17. Next meeting: May 17th 4:00 p.m. (Recurring meeting every third Monday)
18. Motion to adjourn by Christine: Padraic seconded. Adjourned at 4:45

End of minutes.