

Sustainability Commission
Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE	June 28, 2021
PLACE	Zoom Meeting
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER	4:06 p.m.
MEETING ADJOURNED	4:49 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
Paul Barrs	x	
John Berendzen	x	

Also Present: Sarah Richardson (sitting in for Laura Arnold), City Council Liaison, Todd Rehg, Public Works Director,

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.
2. Minutes from last meeting were reviewed. Padraic motioned to approve; Michael seconded.
3. There were no Visitor Comments to address.

Old Business.

4. The Sustainability Commission will not be participating (marching) in the Fourth of July Parade this year. We intend to participate in 2022 (TBD).
5. Green Cities Challenge was discussed. Michael and Jamie met to review the past year's documents. Their intent is to meet with Todd to review and prioritize our potential new efforts.
6. Douglas Hill Update: The Commission has previously discussed the idea of having a subcommittee to investigate the development and comment as it pertains to sustainability issues. While no commitments were previously made by the Commission, at today's meeting Michael, John, Paul and Elizabeth all expressed an interest to work as a subcommittee to consider this project and add our comments as a Commission to both the Plan Commission's work and the City Council review. Jeff had earlier stated he would head up this subcommittee. Sarah noted this project will be at least another two months at the Plan Commission. Plan Commission meetings can be attended by Zoom.
7. The Commission's "Sign Up Genius" for attendance at Plan Commission meetings can be found [HERE](#) The next Plan Commission meeting is set for July 12th.

8. John noted that the subcommittee could consider this project as a series of categories to review, such as Water Conservation, Sustainable Sites and Transportation, Energy Conservation and Neighborhood Development – in lieu of having everyone study the entire project.
9. Sarah noted the City has released a preliminary Pro Forma Analysis of the Douglass Hill Development. That document can be found on the City's website [HERE](#)
10. Todd noted that City Council was briefed on the concept of adding bike lanes and/or signage in both east/west and north/south corridors, and were in favor of this strategy. Stripping bike lanes on Lockwood between Rock Hill and Berry would include a bike lane and buffer space. Other corridors require additional study.

New Business

11. The City Council is OK with the concept of the Commission working on a citywide Sustainability Strategy document, similar to Collinsville and Granite City.
12. Jamie noted that the first thing is to create a subcommittee and determine which areas the plan will address. John, Michael and Paul expressed interest in being on this subcommittee. As a point of reference, Collinsville's plan is constructed around these six major categories:
 - Transportation
 - Buildings, Grounds, & Lighting
 - Environmental Management
 - Land Use & Planning
 - Community Development, Engagement, & Education
13. Elizabeth noted that we should consider some announcement of the new bike lanes. Todd noted that the City's new Director of Public Affairs should be able to help with this.
14. John noted that the City of St. Louis has adopted an "Electric Vehicle Readiness Ordinance", and inquired if this might be something Webster Groves would consider. A flier explaining the ordinance is attached to these notes.
15. Todd met with Ameren concerning "electrifying" the city's vehicle fleet. Ameren has a free evaluation tool for municipal use. In addition, the City will be adding a public use charging station on the City Hall parking lot
16. Next meeting: August 16th, 4:00 – in person or by Zoom TBD.
17. Motion to adjourn by Elizabeth: Paul seconded. Adjourned at 4:49

End of minutes.

Attachments: STL Electric Vehicle Ordinance Info.