

Sustainability Commission
Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE	November 15, 2021
PLACE	WG City Hall
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER	4:01 p.m.
MEETING ADJOURNED	4:59 p.m.

ROLL CALL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Jamie Hasemeier	x	
Michael Stauss	x	
Padraic McGrath	x	
Elizabeth Schappe	x	
Jeffrey Tomich	x	
Paul Barrs	x	
John Berendzen	x	
Jeffrey Mazur	x	
Karla Armbruster	x	
Aamna Anwer	x	

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

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.
2. Minutes: Jeff M motioned to approve: Padraich seconded.
3. No visitor comments were given.
4. Aamna introduced here self: Sustainability coordinator for Wash U. Several of the Commission had met Aamna previously at a subcommittee meeting. We are glad to have her on board!

Old Business:

5. Douglas Hill: The Commission is in the process of revising our letter – to be completed by end of this week. For revisions to this letter, the commission plans to revise digitally, round robin style. Our focus will be on energy, storm water, transportation, green space. We will work at adding more definition to these areas.
6. Douglass Hill update: TIF commission has not decided yet: rescheduled voting meeting for week from tomorrow. Council has a meeting tomorrow night. Earliest to get to work on redevelopment agreement would be first week of December. Our letter should be done before this Friday. Our deadline will be this Thursday.
7. Sustainability Plan update: the Commission held a public meeting last week. Had to date +/- 150 responses to our survey. Jamie will share links to results. Jamie inquired into our process- suggested a subcommittee meeting to discuss general plan direction. Right now subcommittee is

John, Mike Paul and Karla. Jeff T and Aamna also expressed interest. This will be scheduled sometime after thanksgiving.

8. Reusable Bag Program: Todd shared a spreadsheet with options for reusable bags, with a variety of costs. Jamie described the history of our efforts to new commission members. Jamie has found another company that makes bags, one of which will qualify us for the grant funds (Envirotote), manufactured in the US.
9. Jeff M moved to grant authority to Chair to select bag: Jeff T seconded.
10. Pumpkin composting – 6,500 pounds gathered. Great turnout. Jamie thanked all who participated. For next year, we may consider the ability to gather more. Total cost was \$320.00.

New Business

11. Christmas Light Collection: Jamie has collected lights in past few years at Holy Redeemer. She suggests we offer this service to Webster Residents. To make this happen, need to “get the word out” and find a spot for the container. We could potentially have a container at City Hall. Need to work with recycling company, and coordinate with Jen Starkey at WG. Jeff M will spearhead.
12. Bike program – “Webster on Wheels”. We will have bike lanes in April 2022 along Lockwood. Webster resident Dave Buck has discussed bring back Webster of Wheels. Originally this was a fundraiser for the Bristol Boy Scout Troop, on Bristol’s parking lot, with a street ramble in the neighborhood. The Commission noted this might be a good partnership opportunity. Jamie asked if we can pull something similar together, to show our commitment to bike ridership, safety etc. Paul expressed interest in working on this. Laura will invite Dave Buck to next month’s Sustainability Commission meeting. Aamna also expressed interest. Of note: May is national bike month.
13. Elizabeth discussed ideas for next year’s pumpkin composting event. The Commission suggested advertising the ability to “smash lots of pumpkins”. Kids love this.
14. Laura reviewed upcoming City issues: Charter amendments were noted. Three were previously proposed. The WG City attorney concluded these violated either our charter or the State constitution. This will be discussed at the next council meeting. More to come. The Business Roundtable will meet Nov 18th at 8:30 am to discuss our business climate and use of American Rescue funds. The City’s share is 4.6 million. We will have three years to spend this money. Jeff noted the potential for solar/PV on the Rec Center.
15. Next meeting: December 20th
16. Motion to adjourn by Jeff M: Paul seconded. Adjourned at 4:59.

End of minutes.