

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Present: Hanelitz, Heid, Larson, Lyng, Myers, Myrfield, Pendaz-Foster, Sande

Absent: Hansen, Hart

Staff: Kayla Kirtz, Sustainability Coordinator

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A. November 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Lyng motioned and Heid seconded to approve the November 19th, 2025 Sustainability Committee meeting minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

B. January 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Sande motioned and Myers seconded to approve the January 21st, 2026 Sustainability Committee meeting minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Community Engagement Planning

Kirtz reminded the Committee about previously discussed engagement opportunities. She also shared a list of upcoming City events that the Committee might be interested in attending. The Committee identified two themes they would like to prioritize at tabling events: native plants and organics recycling. The Committee discussed tabling at the Native Plant Kit Pick Up + Compost Giveaway, Chamber of Commerce Meet & Greet, and Birdtown Boo Bash. The Committee also discussed participating in upcoming trash pick-ups. Committee members agreed that tabling during Whiz Bang Days last year was successful, but they discussed expanding their involvement in Whiz Bang to helping sort trash during the events on main street. Kirtz said that other cities have waste receptacles available to rent for events. Kirtz also said she would discuss this idea with Matt Bazyk, the City's liaison to the Whiz Bang Days Committee. The Committee discussed using tabling as a tool to receive feedback from residents about what they want to see the Committee prioritize. The Committee also discussed continuing to educate about the benefits of native plants. A native planting workshop idea was discussed and Kirtz said she would take the idea back to staff to determine feasibility. The Committee determined that they would need a tablecloth, name tags, signage explaining the benefits of organics recycling, signage explaining the benefits of native plants, seed packets, countertop compost bags, and organics recycling fridge magnets for tabling.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

INFORMATION ONLY

Kirtz said that the recent work session discussion with City Council about the City Hall native plantings project received positive feedback. Staff are awaiting grant decisions.

Kirtz informed the Committee about the upcoming city volunteer appreciation dinner scheduled for July 8th at

5:30 p.m.

Hanelitz asked for confirmation about the Dakota Prairie Composting tour. Kirtz said the tour is scheduled for April 29th and will send out more details once it is finalized.

ADJOURNMENT

Kirtz adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Kayla Kirtz

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April 17th, 2026

Date