

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Present: Greenberg, Hansen, Hanzel, Hart, Heid, Lyng, Myers, Pendaz-Foster, Presler

Absent: None

Staff: Kayla Kirtz, Sustainability Coordinator

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Introductions

Committee members and staff introduced themselves and shared what they love about Robbinsdale. Common themes included the city's walkability, sense of community, mature trees, and opportunities for engagement.

B. Committee Logistics

Sustainability Coordinator Kayla Kirtz reviewed important rules and practices for the committee, including:

- Meetings must be open to the public with proper notice given.
- Minutes will be taken at each meeting and reviewed at the following meeting.
- The committee serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council.

C. Overview of City Sustainability Initiatives

Kirtz provided an overview of current sustainability initiatives in Robbinsdale:

- The city joined the GreenStep Cities program in 2019.
- An Energy Action Plan was adopted in August 2023.
- Solar arrays are being installed on the Water Treatment Plant and City Hall.
- Free Home Energy Squad visits are available for residents.
- The Water Efficiency Rebate Program offers residents up to \$100 for efficient appliances.
- Organics recycling participation has increased significantly.
- The city participates in the Charging Smart program for electric vehicle readiness.
- There is a staff Sustainability Committee that meets monthly.
- The City Forester and Water Resources Specialist work on various environmental initiatives.

Committee members discussed ideas for expanding programs and education, particularly around organics recycling and smart salting practices. There was interest in creating more Robbinsdale-specific educational materials and case studies.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

INFORMATION ONLY

A. Next Meeting: October 16, 2024

Kirtz directed members to come to the next meeting prepared to discuss their top three priorities for the committee to address. Kirtz noted the committee will provide a progress update to the City Council after six months.

ADJOURNMENT

Kirtz adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.