

AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL: Greenberg, Hansen, Hanelitz, Hart, Heid, Lyng, Pendaz-Foster, Presler, Myers, Sande
2. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES
 - A. February 19, 2025 Sustainability Committee Minutes
3. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Events Sign Up
 - B. Rain Garden Planting Date
 - C. Compost Giveaway Event
 - D. Potential Guest Speaker
4. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Updates from Staff
5. INFORMATION ONLY
 - A. Roundtable Updates
6. ADJOURNMENT



Sustainability Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 19, 2025

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Roll Call



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Consideration of Minutes



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New Business

1. Event Sign-Up Sheet
2. Rain Garden Planting Date
3. Compost Giveaway Event Planning
4. Potential Guest Speaker – City Forester/Natural Resources Specialist

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Events Sign-Up



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Signing up for events

- Fellow Committee member suggested creating a Google spreadsheet for the Committee to use to sign up to table/volunteer at events.
- Kayla can monitor the spreadsheet and add events as they come up.
- Kayla can get in touch directly with the Committee members that are signed up prior to each event with more details.
- What details would be important to include in the spreadsheet?

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Rain Garden Planting Date



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Rain Garden Planting

Based on the group's availability...

- May 31st or June 14th

Reminder:

- Between mid-May and mid-June is ideal timing
- ~4 hour commitment
- Weekend OR weekday (daytime)
- Committee will propose some dates/times to staff

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Compost Giveaway Event



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Compost Giveaway Event

- Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) Organics Recycling Facility offers compost donations.
- We can request up to 10 cubic yards of compost.
- Next steps:
 - Determine an event date.
 - Discuss logistics and begin planning and advertising!

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Guest Speaker



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Potential Guest Speaker

- Would the Committee like to invite the City Forester/Natural Resources Specialist to a future meeting to learn more about their work?

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Old Business



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Updates from Kayla

1. I am in the process of compiling your testimonials about organics recycling. I welcome you to send me photos of your at-home set ups!
2. I will be sending out a formal "recruitment" email to ask folks to participate in the Energy Action Plan Planning Phase 2. I do not expect all members of the committee to participate.
3. Continue researching and thinking about the commission process. We can schedule a more in-depth discussion for an upcoming meeting.
4. Thank you for your feedback, comments, and testimonials. I appreciate your commitment to this!

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Roundtable Updates



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MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Present: Hanelitz, Hansen, Hart, Heid, Lyng, Myers, Sande

Absent: Greenberg, Pendaz-Foster, Presler

Staff: Kayla Kirtz, Sustainability Coordinator

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A. January 15, 2025 Sustainability Committee Minutes

Lyng motioned to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2025 Sustainability Committee Meeting and Hanelitz seconded. The meeting minutes were unanimously adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Organics Recycling

Kirtz suggested ideas for organics recycling promotion. Hansen and Lyng volunteered to participate in a news feature with CCX Media. Members of the Committee are going to send testimonials related to organics recycling to Kirtz before the next Committee meeting on March 19th. Committee members are going to review the organics recycling page on the City website and send any content suggestions to Kirtz. The Committee reviewed a list of upcoming City events and discussed which events they would be interested in participating in. The Committee noted the Native Plant Sale, Lakeview Terrace Farmer's Market, Arbor Day, and Popsicles in the Park. The Committee discussed potentially hosting a compost giveaway event for residents to pick up free compost. Kirtz said she would discuss the logistics and possibility of this with the management team.

B. Turf Grass Reduction

Kirtz confirmed that the Committee is interested in volunteering to plant a rain garden. Committee members are going to email Kirtz with the weekends when they are available between mid-May and mid-June. The Committee also expressed interest in volunteering at the Native Plant Sale.

C. Bike and Pedestrian Infrastructure

Kirtz explained the letter of support and suggested that the Committee edit it as they see fit. Committee members are going to review the draft letter and send any edits to Kirtz prior to the next Committee meeting on March 19th. Kirtz is going to keep the Committee updated when there is a City Council meeting related to the upcoming street reconstruction project.

D. Creating a Commission

Kirtz suggested that members of the Committee research other cities and their environmental/sustainability commissions. Members of the Committee committed to conducting research prior to the next meeting on March 19th.

E. Energy Action Plan

Kirtz explained that the Energy Action Plan has reached the end of its initial 18-month implementation period. Partners in Energy and City staff are looking to host a series of workshops with the Sustainability Committee and other community stakeholders to review the plan and its progress, and reestablish goals, focus areas, and strategies. Kirtz explained this process will result in an addendum to the Energy Action Plan and may

incorporate additional focus areas such as electric vehicles and beneficial electrification. The Committee expressed interest in participating and noted that the workshops should not overlap with regularly scheduled Committee meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

INFORMATION ONLY

A. Roundtable Updates

The Committee expressed interest in touring the Crystal Lake Flocculation Plant and the Robbinsdale Water Treatment Plant.

ADJOURNMENT

Kirtz adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.