

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. Guest Speaker: Stephan Papiz, City Forester/Natural Resources Specialist
 - B. Community Recycling Ambassadors Program Takeaways
4. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Events: Arbor Day, Compost Giveaway, Rain Garden Planting
5. INFORMATION ONLY
 - A. Roundtable Updates
6. ADJOURNMENT

[MEET_FOOT]

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.