

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Present: Greenberg, Hanelitz, Hart, Heid, Lyng, Myers, Pendaz-Foster, Presler, Sande

Absent: Hansen

Staff: Stephan Papiz, City Forester/Natural Resources Specialist; Kayla Kirtz, Sustainability Coordinator

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A. February 19, 2025 Sustainability Committee Minutes

Presler motioned to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2025 Sustainability Committee Meeting and Sande seconded. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Guest Speaker: Stephan Papiz, City Forester/Natural Resources Specialist

Stephan Papiz, City Forester/Natural Resources Specialist for the City of Robbinsdale, gave a presentation to the Sustainability Committee. Papiz discussed his various job duties and shared information about upcoming forestry-related events. The Committee discussed with Papiz about ways that they could support his work, including:

- Connecting residents to the City's list of licensed tree care companies.
- Creating forestry-related educational materials.
- Recommending a Tree Preservation Ordinance to the City Council.
- Creating criteria for an Adopt-a-Tree program.
- Talking to residents to spread the word about the City's forestry program, events, services, and offerings.
- Planting fruit trees at the community gardens.
- Adopting South Halifax Park.

B. Community Recycling Ambassadors Program Takeaways

The Committee decided to move this discussion to a future meeting agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Events: Arbor Day, Compost Giveaway, Rain Garden Planting

Kirtz reminded the group of the upcoming Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 26th. Kirtz confirmed that members Hart and Larson would attend the event. They planned to clean up South Halifax Park after the tree planting. Kirtz confirmed that the City would provide trash bags, rubber gloves, and trash pickers.

Kirtz confirmed that the Sustainability Committee will host the Compost Giveaway on Saturday, May 17th in conjunction with the Native Plant Sale pick up. Ten cubic yards of compost will be delivered to the Lee Park parking lot prior to the event. Members of the Committee confirmed that they are volunteering to help out at the event. Hart said she would provide a table and a canopy. Heid said that he would provide a few shovels. Kirtz

said that she will provide educational materials and handouts.

Kirtz confirmed that the Committee will be planting a rain garden on Saturday, May 31st starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Water Treatment Plant. There will be a few City staff in attendance to help out, as well as some volunteers from the Lee Square Housing Cooperative. Kirtz advised the group to bring their own water bottles, gardening gloves, and snacks, although Kirtz is looking into providing snacks for the group.

INFORMATION ONLY

A. Roundtable Updates

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Kirtz adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.



Kayla Kirtz, Staff Liaison

05-21-2025

Date