

**Sustainability Committee**  
City of Roeland Park, KS  
**Minutes**  
**Thursday, August 3, 2023, 6:15 pm**  
In Person Meeting – City Hall

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The purpose of the Sustainability Committee is to make recommendations to the Governing Body concerning issues relating to or affecting environmental sustainability.

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**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://zoom.us/j/99339586327>  
**Meeting ID:** 993 3958 6327

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**Committee:**

David Smith – Co-chair; Megan Reavis – Co-chair; Melissa Castillo, Aiden Ellis  
Wade Holtkamp, City Liaison; Jen Hill and Benjamin Dickens, City Council liaisons

**Members in attendance:** Megan Reavis, Melissa, Aiden Ellis

**Liaison(s) in attendance:** Wade Holtkamp.

**Guest(s) in attendance:** None.

**Call to Order:** 6:18pm.

**Approval of minutes:** Approved 6:19pm.

**Citizen Comment(s):** None heard.

**Additions to the Agenda:** None heard.

**Sustainability Minute:**

- Members are invited to highlight and/or share thoughts, experiences, or observations from outside the meetings that illustrate sustainable practices and the importance of the Sustainability Committee’s mission. (All)

**Old Business**

- R Park Concert table
  - Melissa: Plants were a hit at the concert, two little kids were very excited, David spoke a lot about bike routes. Melissa suggested next time that we get closer to the beer tent to gain more visitors from other tables. No other materials needed at this time to replace from first concert. Someone from the parks committee (maybe Gretchen?) reached out about possible collaboration (native prairie restoration, compost pile suggestion).
  - Megan: need better identification, white board or print something to identify the table
  - Megan: any other material additions?
  - Melissa: tree planting materials

- Sustainability fair ideas
  - Megan: ran ideas by Judy. Judy said last year front door prize was seed bombs (so already done). Space was an issue. Not enough space for a table?
  - Secondary stand with bikes outside if space is that much of an issue?
  - Megan: we could put bikes outside, seed bomb probably no go because of prize last year, we could collaborate with kids committee for next year on birdhouses
  - We have flyers and stuff from last year to use
  - Other options: give sustainability alternatives for common items (leaf razors, beeswax wrap, who gives a crap toilet paper, stasher bags, etc)
  - Sep 23<sup>rd</sup> is sustainability fair
- Newsletter submissions
  - Melissa submitted article about how to plant trees, Melissa suggested talking about light pollution, backyard composting, reducing plastic consumption
  - Next submission deadline sep 14<sup>th</sup> – table to next discussion

**New Business:**

- Bi-annual litter cleanup dates
  - Melissa: fall and spring are best timing, October 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Megan: end of October is good, table date selection for next meeting
- Megan: Wade will send new recycling contact to Megan
- Melissa: Native plant experience was great, we need to continue promoting it, normally you have to submit it for pre-approval, trees and rainbarrels after

**Adjourn:** 6:57pm

**Next Meeting:** September 7, 2023 [in person at City Hall 6:15 pm]