

**Sustainability Committee**  
City of Roeland Park, KS  
**Agenda**  
**Thursday, February 1, 2024, 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 – Chair; Megan Reavis; Melissa Castillo, Aiden Ellis, Grace Suh, Ginny Varraveto  
Wade Holtkamp, Benjamin Dickens, City liaisons; Jen Hill, City Council liaisons

**Members in attendance:** Aiden Ellis (remote), Melissa Castillo, Megan Reavis, David Smith

**Liaison(s) in attendance:** Wade Holtkamp, Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Jenn Faidley, Cale

**Guest(s) in attendance:**

**Call to Order:** 6:18

**Approval of minutes:** 6:18

**Citizen Comment(s):**

**Additions to the Agenda:**

**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**

- Calendar of events
  - Co-promote other orgs’ events
- Native Plant Resolution next steps
  - Send to City staff, conform language to City’s resolutions
- Grace’s R Park proposal- add additional native plantings to make park more lush
  - Adopt-a-plot program?
- Roeland Park Community Foundation Board appointment
- Callery pear buyback
  - Deep Roots- replaces callery pear trees with native trees
  - Promote in newsletter
- Goats to eat honeysuckle near Aldi? Takes three growing seasons
- Native plant sales at Shawnee Indian Mission
- JJL’s running the Community Foundation Board once again
  - Foundation is a 501(c)(3) that approves grant requests and deals with donations
  - SustComm needs a person to send (Dave)

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**New Business:**

- JJL's KC Can Compost proposal- City would partner with KC Can Compost (\$13/month subscription)- people get a bucket and liners, take compost to locked compost site with an unlock code. Bins will be at Aldi by Ripple Glass bin, KC Can Compost would service once/month. Costs City \$55/month. Aldi may have their own parallel program. \$60 one-time fee for cans.
  1. Would be an ongoing cost, first year is a pilot program
  2. City will hold some cans at City Hall
  3. Site maintenance fee may eventually be eliminated if enough people participate
  4. May expand to R Park if Aldi plan succeeds- foot traffic
  5. Roesland could be another site- educational experience for kids- Melissa volunteers to sponsor
  6. We will get metrics
  7. Vote: 3-0 in favor of sponsoring
- JJL- budget objective regarding hiring a consultant for sustainability plan for Roeland Park
  1. PV did municipal property assessment audit
  2. Consultant would work with SustComm to develop roadmap in 2024. Approximate cost would be ~\$40,000
  3. Proposals from Keramida and GBA (George Butler and Associates)
  4. RP adopted KC Climate Action Plan June 6 2021
  5. Propose budget objectives in 2024
- Go Green Environmental Fair- RP currently lacks someone on Steering Committee
  1. First Friday every month at 9 AM via Zoom- Dave will attend when possible
  2. Someone needs to chair children's activities
- Melissa is now officially a native plant landscape designer
  1. Plan it Native sponsored by Deep Roots KC

**Adjourn:** 6:57

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