



## City of Maplewood

7601 Manchester Road - Maplewood, Missouri 63143

### **SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES March 5, 2019 - 6:00 P.M.**

- 1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Roll Call: Ralph Bicknese, Nick Frisella, Eleanor Pardini, Nancy Schick, Heidi Schoen, Jonathan Spencer and Andrew Wilson. Staff present: Brian Herr.
- 3) Approval of meeting minutes from February 5, 2019: Andrew Wilson motioned to approve, seconded by Jonathan Spencer and all were in favor.
- 4) Public Comment: None.
- 5) New Business: City Manager Marty Corcoran was present to answer any questions regarding sustainable practices. Jonathan Spencer asked about the role of the Commission. Mr. Corcoran described the organization of the Commission and its roll. Jonathan asked about some of the accomplishments achieved by the Commission. Mr. Corcoran indicated that there are many accomplishments and named a few. Marty also mentioned that the new fire house LEED certification would not have happened if it were not for the Sustainability Commission. Mr. Corcoran also noted the Green Dining district, the Greenhouse Gas study that was performed, the three hybrid cars and the natural gas city vehicles that were recently purchased were all done thanks to the Sustainability Commission. Jonathan asked what would be the most efficient way of accomplishing things that the Commission would like to propose. Mr. Corcoran indicated that requesting a meeting with the City Manager, whether through city staff or directly, would be the best way of getting an answer. Ralph Bicknese asked about writing an Energy Star purchasing policy. Mr. Corcoran indicated this issue could be considered and has no objection to the idea. Heidi Schoen mentioned that green purchasing policy for cleaning products. Ralph mentioned that LEED has some published green purchasing products. Mr. Corcoran suggested drafting a resolution for City Council to review. Andrew Wilson asked about the city contract with Republic Services. Mr. Corcoran indicated that the city has been with Republic Services or the companies purchased by Republic for approximately 30 years. Heidi asked if it would be possible to provide a car charging station in the Marietta parking lot. Mr. Corcoran indicated that there would be some challenges. Heidi suggested that they make charging stations that charge the user. Nick Frisella indicated that charging stations that charge to user cost more to purchase than stations that do not. Mr. Corcoran mentioned that if the Commission wanted to recommend installing a charging station to send the information request to him to bring to the City Council. Ralph asked about the Native Plant display that was being designed under a planning grant. Mr. Corcoran indicated that the Skateboard Park is currently underway and would need to be completed prior to starting the Native Plant display under a separate grant.
- 6) Old Business: None.
- 7) Adjournment: Nancy Schick made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Nick Frisella and all were in favor.