

LRSC Meeting Minutes

4/27/22 | 3pm Willie L Hinton Resource Center - Auditorium

Welcome & Roll Call commissioners (* - Absent)

Jan Baker	Anna Morshedi
Larissa Barry	Ann Owen*
Kate Fletcher*	Wesley Prewett
Rachel Furman	Sheridan Richards*
Scott Hamilton	Jeremy Stehle
Andrew Jester – Vice Chair*	Karen Zuccardi – Chair
Uta Meyer*	

Welcome new commissioners and intros

Welcome guests: Dan Lysk (Central Arkansas Vegan, Friends of the Southwest Trail), Zane Alsebai and Raga Mandali (Central High), Malik Marshall (AR Community Organizers)

City Officials: James Owen (Mayors Office), Lennie Massanelli (Sustainability Officer), Brittany Nichols (Sustainability Educator), Karen Sykes (Parks & Rec Representative)

Motion to approve February and March minutes (Anna); seconded (Ann); motion carries

Citizen Input: June 3, 4-7pm [Music in the Park](#) is a fundraiser for Parks & Rec at War Memorial Park; call for vendors and volunteers (especially for waste stations)

Young Leftists (student organization at Central High) will be at the School Board of Education meeting Thursday at 5:30pm. Commissioners called upon to show up and speak in support. *Idea floated to have Youth Representation on the Commission*

Director & Liaison Report

Director Peck (unable to attend) – Board of Directors Liaison.

James Owen – Policy Analyst with Mayor’s Office; review Mayor’s announcements in State of the City address: set goal of 100% Clean Energy for city (government) operations, increase recycling participation city-wide by 10% over the next year. Please go back and [review that speech](#) if you have not already. Policy review still needs to be scheduled.

LRSO Report

- Please review [shared tasks](#) and [sign up](#) if able!
- Earth “Week” Field Trips

- o Central AR Water with Jane Hurley and Raven Lawson
 - o Rock Region Metro with Becca Green
 - o [Potential List](#) of field trip ideas, possible 1/month organized for commissioners though end of year
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LRSC General Report

New Appointments, 2 openings still available. Closes May 6th. *Suggestion that applicants get more communication through this process.*

Want to create more clarity on the bylaws and come back with recommendations. *Scott makes a motion to create an Ad Hoc committee to review and compile recommendations (including the option to create a supplementary manual and not change the bylaws); Rachel seconded; motion carries*

Suggested that the Commission involved the city attorney's office at this point (if we're going to change the by laws)

Keep the working team meetings to virtual (easier for attendance); will of the commission to hold meetings in hybrid setting for the monthly meeting

Survey will be created and sent out by the Sustainability Educator to get to know commissioners better (communication preference, interest, contact info, etc.)

Next networking event to be scheduled *Rachel makes motion to create an Ad Hoc committee to organize the next event; Anna seconded; motion carries*

Jobs of Tomorrow ad hoc committee update: presentation was held with LR Chamber of Commerce to gauge possible partnership to hold the Jobs of Tomorrow within their event (but the presentation was more about another idea, The Academies, within local schools). *Suggested we continue to explore the idea of having the Jobs of Tomorrow within the Chamber's annual job fair as a pilot.*

Procurement Dept. wants to work with the commission - more on this soon, but the commission can help by creating a glossary of sustainable terms and definitions for them to use in RFPs and RFQs

Working Team Updates

BUILT Report

- Meeting held with Arkansas Baptist College to discuss partnership and advise on sustainability; need to schedule follow up/walk through and identify best foot forward

- Complete Streets Master Plan being presented for implementation; BikePed coordinator has requested to resend the letter of recommendation. *Wes to send out letter for review before resending.*

- No meeting held in April

- [March Meeting Minutes](#)

NATURAL Report

- Invasive Species Ordinance Update – meet for first time since holidays, language edits/species list being paired down and finalized for review by Tracy Spilman
- Low Mow Zones - pilot area identified for wildflower/no mow zone with LR Parks Dept in Hindman Park; possibly another area at Butler Park that was recently adopted
- No meeting in April
- [March Meeting Minutes](#)

ECO Report

- Set goal to speak at 15 Neighborhood Association Meetings in 2022 (prioritize presentations at those Neighborhood Associations that are identified in the recent crime surge “[hot spots](#)”)
- Anna is finished up those slides for a 3-5 minute presentation, wanting helpful feedback on exactly what that should be
- Meeting for this effort to be held within the next month

NOTES:

Conservation Happy Hour, May 19th @ 5:30pm at Dickie Stephens

Next LRSC meeting will be May 25th at 3:00 pm. (Look for announcement on location and virtual option)

Working team meeting times will be sent out soon via email and posted on the city’s website on respective pages.