LRSC Meeting Minutes

3/23/22 | 3pm Willie L Hinton Resource Center - Auditorium

Welcome & Roll Call commissioners (* - Absent, *** - Excused Absence)

Jan Baker*
Kate Fletcher***
Rachel Furman
Scott Hamilton
Andrew Jester – Vice Chair
Uta Meyer

Welcome guests: Kathy Hofmann

Minutes recognized

No Citizen input - thanks for your attendance!

Director & Liaison Report

Director Peck – Board of Directors Liaison; NUSA conference coming up; Little Rock Recycles Day will have a Mayor's Proclamation at an upcoming city board meeting - date will be shared with commissioners, attendance will be appreciated.

James Owen – Policy Analyst with Mayor's Office; Kendra has all the provided submissions for policies; that feedback will be shared ASAP (after the State of the City address is behind us). That condensed version will be on the Shared Drive. Clinton School presentation of survey findings on April 12th - James will work on setting up a presentation to the LRSC by that group (or attend that meeting). Deliverables will be shared once provided to the office.

Anna Morshedi

Wesley Prewett

Sheridan Richards***

Karen Zuccardi - Chair

Ann Owen***

LRSO Report

- ICLEI Cohort Overview
- Earth "Week" as the 2022 "Summit"
 - Monday, Alternative Energy
 - Tuesday, Composting & Parks
 - Wednesday, Water
 - Thursday, Programs (GRCP and GG4E)
 - Friday, Sustain the Rock Awards (@ Trio's Pavillion Room, 6pm)
 - Saturday, Little Rock Recycles Day

LRSC General Report

April 5th Board of Directors meeting will make appointments to LRSC

Chair elections will be in April

There is a new document in the Drive: living document that summarizes goals and ad-hoc committees & members

Working Team Updates

BUILT Report

- Rock Region Metro invited the LRSC to come ride along: Meet at River City Travel Center at 8:30a on April 1st.
- Complete Streets Master Plan is drafted and available for public comment on the city's website
- Dr. L is meeting with Public Works Director & Civil Engineering to find best option for safe crossing at 12th street; eScooter revenue will be put into Special Projects for TAP grant match (125k per Bruce Moore)
- Meeting held with AR Baptist College, follow up meetings needed to determine best approach & tour campus (Andrew has energy audit for starting point); may have the same opportunity with area Boys & Girls Clubs
- 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
- Tour/Field Trip suggested for Landfill and MRF
- Green Jobs Fair or "Jobs of Tomorrow" is moving along, tentative date for early October (NLR Chamber of Commerce interested)
- 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 finishing 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:

Rachel gave update on Loreal's solar panel project/biodiversity project, wants to share this effort with the group and set the example for this model.

Next LRSC meeting will be May 18th at 3:00 pm. (Look for announcement on whether virtual or in-person) Working team meeting times will be sent out soon via email and posted on the city's website on respective pages.