

LRSC Meeting Minutes

2/23/22 | 3pm Virtual

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

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

Welcome guests: Kathy Hofmann; Steve Wagner

Edits to January minutes suggested. Will send back out for approval via email.

Director & Liaison Report

Director Peck – eScooter Revenue update – Letter of support was sent to the mayor’s office and city manager's office. **Bruce has requested meeting with this working team to discuss further.** Email will be sent out with an invite ~2-3 weeks from today.

James Owen – Policy Analyst with Mayors Office; will schedule meeting with Kendra to review the commission’s policy suggestions and report back with priorities. Those responses will be formatted and uploaded to Share Drive. Clinton School Practicum group update – met recently, should have update soon on the survey responses. **First 2 weeks of survey have gone well - have 200 responses so far.** Will have a follow up survey in Spanish. (Tentatively close date March 1 - Brit to confirm that with James)

LRSO Report

- ICLEI membership and acceptance for the [Sustainability Planning co-hort](#) (GHG Inventory and Sustainability Action Plan technical assistance for 8 months)
- Internal Recycling Audits at city facilities and creating a cross-departmental “Green Team.”
- Green Guide for Events pilot group could be Tricentennial Little Rock celebrations in April
 - Materials approved by DEI office and sent out for Spanish Translation
- Green Restaurant Certification Program design is near completion and has a tentative launch date of April 21 at the LR ZOO
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- Sustain the Rock Awards will be given out the week leading up to Earth Week. Planning events that whole week, culminating in a proclamation making “Little Rock Recycles Day” in partnership with Keep Little Rock Beautiful on April 23rd.
- Call to share [Nomination forms](#) for Sustain the Rock Awards, deadline March 21st.
 - only have 1 nomination so far...
 - LRSO will post internally
- LRSO has joined the [Wyland National Mayor’s Water Conservation Pledge](#)
 - more on this soon - received media kit, will work with ECO team for message efforts if able

LRSC General Report

Applications are open for LRSC – 8 posted positions! 4 Commissioners are reapplying; 4 open positions. Facebook post made to promote applications, deadline to apply February 25th. Please Share!!!

Chair Elections will be held in March (tentative on appointments being made by executive city staff) – please attend and express interest to LRSC if you would like to run for an officer position.

Review of the [Example Process Tree](#) – it is a working framework to get more things done while including the SO and Director Peck for the most support we can offer and foster strong communication.

Internal Goals: Come back to next meeting/working teams with objectives for the LRSC, not necessarily the city at large. Green Procurement within CLR gov't? Zero Waste City Statement? Climate Change Adaptation Strategy? Green Job Fair? ECO Goal to present at 15 Neighborhood Associations at each - at least 2 in all 7 wards with partnership from that Ward Director (hopefully). Foster dialogue about sustainability directly with our community.

Working Team Updates

BUILT Report

- LIGHTING ORDINANCE UPDATE - we don't have 100% support from the Planning Dept right now and the timing is just not right to talk about outdoor lighting during the crime surge. We won't get traction at the board level right now.
- ACEEE has a new report card out with policy ideas the working team can review for recommendations
- LIHEAP energy program comes out soon, we should message on this! Help some folks!
- Rock Region Metro invited the LRSC to come ride along and talk about partnership opps
- [February meeting minutes](#)

NATURAL Report

- Invasive Species Ordinance Update – has received feedback from Landscape Planning contact at CLR
- Green Jobs Fair Adhoc Committee formed
- Trashboom will be installed at Rose Creek - Report here
- [February 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](#)")
- Working on a draft letter for communications with city leaders, neighborhood association leaders
- LRSC has a 45 min [slide presentation designed](#) in February, ECO team can take that and customize
- [February meeting minutes](#) (ad hoc committee: neighborhood association presentation)

NOTES:

Rachel noted that speaking to the groups we know and are already a part of may lead to more fruitful conversation

Clean up at Rose Creek park on March 12th during City-wide Cleanup Day

Next LRSC meeting will be March 23rd 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.