# LRSC Meeting Minutes

5/25/22 | 3pm Willie L Hinton Resource Center - Auditorium

Welcome & Roll Call commissioners (\* - Absent)

| Jan BakerLarissa Barry\*Kate FletcherRachel FurmanScott HamiltonAndrew Jester – Vice ChairUta Meyer  |   Anna Morshedi Ann Owen\* Wesley Prewett  Sheridan Richards\* Jeremy Stehle Karen Zuccardi – Chair  |
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Welcome new commissioners and intros

Welcome guests: Nancy Mallett Hyde, Dr. John Landosky

City Officials: James Owen (Mayors Office), Lennie Massanelli (Sustainability Officer), Brittany Nichols (Sustainability Educator)

*Motion to approve April minutes (Anna); seconded (Scott); motion carries*

# Director & Liaison Report

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

James Owen – Policy Analyst with Mayor’s Office; meeting was held with Director Capi Peck, Kendra, James Owen, and Lennie Massanelli reviewing the policy recommendations made by LRSC. Will summarize and give feedback ASAP; Brittany has sent out Doodle Poll for Workshop on this Policy Review. Quick notes from that meeting/priority areas identified: Develop SAP w/ broad stakeholders, develop strategy to locate equitable & functional EV distribution, work with Fleet to electrify, create sidewalk improvement fund w/ formal maintenance request, reducing food waste/create composting access, incentivize/improve recycling program, green lots idea/adopt-a-lot, downtown parking needs addressing (surface parking). “Three buckets” Impact, Infrastructure, Internal Ops

# LRSO Report

* Please review [shared tasks](https://docs.google.com/document/u/1/d/11-9t46-cRryQPnrhZgoYYN69FW6EQM2pHUIR1aRtk7U/edit) and [sign up](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/1/d/1o2uPbdCANeJOIJUz-Zfu-ooOAvlxIAXdUQGpbqMH-3c/edit) if able!
* Programs & Guides added folder to the Drive
	+ LRSO is seeking support to test the resources on the Green Guide for Events
		- Kate, Ann, Rachel, and Andrew volunteered (Brit will follow up via email)
	+ Green Restaurant Certification Program is having in-person training in July
		- Commissioners that are interested in helping with that training day-of, please let LRSO know how you would like to be involved
	+ Other events that are seeking support as they strive Towards Zero Waste
		- Harvestfest, Juneteenth, Zoo Brew
* Mayor’s meeting recap: LRSO and James Owen met with Jon Honeywell (Public Works Director) and Mayor Scott and Kendra (Mayor’s Chief of Staff)
	+ In the process of drafting RFP for Energy Audit and solar PPA and/or performance energy contract

# LRSC General Report

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

Karen Zuccardi will be moving to Maryland this month and is stepping down from the commission
*There are now 3 open positions on the Sustainability Commission*

Bylaws absences languages clarified

Chair & Vice-Chair election held w Slido
- Congratulations Wes Prewett (Chair) and Anna Morshedi (Vice-Chair)
- for now, Anna will still service as ECO chair, may revisit the org. Chart
- Wes and Anna will have conversation with other commissioners to determine new co-chairs for working teams and set those recurring meeting times

Jobs of Tomorrow ad hoc committee update: meeting was held with April Ambrose to see how the LRSC and Entegrity’s mission to create a green job fair aligns

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
- [Letter of Support is drafted and in the folder now for commissioner revie](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1V_mpEScxgW28MPRNvcAjo5I1MJRRQg3kKFBHKG1RVYc/edit?usp=sharing)w *(motion to approve the submission of this letter by Anna; Rachel seconded; motion carries)*- AR Baptist College walk-through will be scheduled by Scott Hamilton for LRSC to explore this partnership
- Karen brought up the Edwards Cathedral is having serious energy issues, can we connect with resources
- [May meeting minutes](https://docs.google.com/document/d/19flxgAUBijxR-9Ln2T1IuKcnSL10B5S_qPM_aI6vfoc/edit?usp=sharing)

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; Western Hills biology survey soon as well
- No Mow May was brought to our attention; can we implement that here? Increases pollinator population by 300% over 2 years
- [May meeting minutes](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1duugkwMjgdSJlb7SlZZPI_s68AjnvZC3hqb9CIk-Cwc/edit?usp=sharing)

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](https://twitter.com/FrankScottJr/status/1494138726288703488)”)
- Anna is finished up those slides for a 3-5 minute presentation, wanting helpful feedback on exactly what that should be
- Happy Hour — what is the point? *(motion by Jan to table this event coordination for now; Uta seconds; motion carries)*

### *NOTES:*

Next LRSC meeting will be June 22nd 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.