



**Little Rock Sustainability Commission
Minutes of Meeting for February 24, 2017 at 11:30pm
Willie L. Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center**

1. Chair Neil Gillespie called the meeting to order at 11:30 pm. A quorum was present.
2. **Attendance**
 - a. **Commissioners Present:** Neil Gillespie, Karen Zuccardi, Chris Franke, Uta Meyer, Robert Airo, Chris Hiryak, Rachel Furman, Leisa Wamsley, Clint Whitley, Ron Hughes, Randy Pierce, Kathleen Lambert, Chris Franke.
 - b. **Commissioners Absent:** Charles Vann (term up?), Ben Brenner?, Grejuanna Dennis, Ron Hope (term up?), Linda K. Smith
 - c. **Staff and Guests Present:** Mayor Stodola, Melinda Glasgow, Heather Smith, Faith Mullins.
3. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Sustainability Summit: Melinda reported that the Sustainability Summit will be March 30 at Robinson Center. Registration is open. Register at www.sustainabilitysummit2017.eventbrite.com. Commissioners should all plan to attend and can come on March 29, 1-5 to help setup.
 - b. Mayor Stodola on Sustainability Summit Guest Speaker: Bob Perciasepe, former Director of the EPA
 - i. In EPA's eyes Little Rock is one of the best cities for water protection. We have completed a substantial water quality project on main street as well as reclaimed many brownfields along Main Street. The Main Street project was part of the EPA's Greening America's Capitols project and through this grant program we revitalized Main Street from 17th street to Markham. Phase two of the project plan is currently underway and constitutes a few new water quality projects along the block in front of the Rep and Samantha's as well as other areas around South on Main. We will apply for a phase 3 project.
4. **New Business:** Sustain the Rock Awards Nominations, 7-8 categories and 17 nominations.
 - a. **Winners:**
 - i. Large Business: Holiday Inn Airport
 - ii. Small Business: Davis Rubber
 - iii. Individual: Mason Ellis
 - iv. Non-profit: Goodwill Industries of Arkansas
 - v. City Department/Individual: Victor Turner with the LR Housing and Neighborhood Programs
City of Little Rock Energy Efficiency Program
 - b. Kathleen Lambert: Hiring new employees in surveying positions, starts in March. Potential partnership with Leisa Wamsley and Goodwill to place employees with Rock Region.
 - c. Karen Zuccardi: Met with Bruce McMath regarding LED upgrades for City street lights. Currently the city spends \$2.4 million for street light operations at \$4 per light bulb. Entergy has high tariff on LED street light bulbs at \$10.25 per LED bulb. Imploring Entergy to reduce this tariff will need the support of the commission. Entergy Committee will discuss this issue with Mayor Stodola and identify action steps.
 - i. Mayor Stodola says if you find broken/burnt out street lights you need to call it in for replacement at 311, or you can report online. The City still pays that \$4 even if the light is not working.
 - d. Randy Pierce/Linda K.: Set up a tour of Goodwill for future Sustainability Commission meeting.
5. **Next Meeting-** April 28, 2017 at 11:30 Willie L. Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center.

Important Dates:

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| March 11, 2017 | City Wide Cleanup |
| March 30, 2017 | One at interstate park hosted by Friends of Fourche Creek if a cleanup not in your neighborhood
Little Rock Sustainability Summit, Robinson Center |