



**Little Rock Sustainability Commission**

**Minutes of Meeting for February 28, 2020 at 11:30am**

**Willie L. Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center**

1. Chair Randy Pierce called the meeting to order at 11:37am. A quorum was present.
2. **Attendance:**
  - A. **Commissioners Present:** Jan Baker, Michael DeAngelis, Grant Duensing, Niki Evansingston, Rachel Furman, Andrew Jester, Casey Shepard, Randy Pierce, Karen Zuccardi, Ron Hughes, Michael Nichols  
**Commissioners Absent:** Uta Meyer
  - B. **Guests Present:** Scott Hamilton, Ellie Young
  - C. **Staff Present:** Melinda Glasgow – Sustainability Officer, Lennie Massanelli – Sustainability Educator, John Landosky – City of LR Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator
3. **Approval of Minutes from January 24, 2020 meeting:**  
Pierce made a motion to approve last meeting's minutes. Evansingston seconded the motion. All Commissioners approved.
4. **By-laws drafting update:**  
Tabled till March meeting.
5. **2025 and Beyond Action Plan update - DeAngelis**
  - Summarized notes taken at retreat
  - Activity sheet for outlining each committees' goals, and the summary is on Google Docs
  - Chairs of committees will send updates to DeAngelis – each chair: please find members to dig in and help with these actions/goals
  - Committees charged with narrowing focus and number of goals – should be the work of each committee meeting.

## 6. Summit Update:

- Panel set – LM Wind Power, The Venture Center, Heifer International
- Shot Sustain the Rock video of past award recipients this week
- Guest speaker, Adam Chappell – 9,000 acre family farm in Cotton Plant, AR – positively affecting climate change by carbon farming practices - no-till, water management, no pesticides.
- John Landosky – Gotcha! demo rides e-bikes for upcoming rental program
- 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day
- Need Commissioner’s help on April 1 and 2 with set up and Summit event:
  - ✓ **Monitor food waste and untouched food for Urban Food Loop & Potluck**
  - ✓ **Registration – Rachel,**
  - ✓ **Set out Earth cupcakes at dessert table at lunchtime**

Please let Lennie Massanelli know if you’re available to set up on April 1<sup>st</sup> (starting about 1:00 pm) and the area you’d like to help with during event on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you haven’t reserved your Summit ticket yet, do so here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/city-of-little-rock-eleventh-annual-sustainability-summit-tickets-87344049403?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

## 7. Sustain the Rock award nominations

LRSC voted for these 2020 winners:

- Non-profit – Arkansas 4-H Center
- Non-profit – Second Presbyterian Church
- Individual – Suzanne Hirrel
- Business – Urban Food Loop
- City Department – Planning and Development

Shepard suggested sending out nominations to Commissioners before the voting meeting next year so all can review and process can go faster.

Baker moved to vote for 2 non-profits and 1 business since half the nominations were non-profits this year. Andrew seconded. All were in favor.

## 8. Committee Reports:

### Education and Community Outreach

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month at Centre at University Park, 6:00 pm

- Green Restaurant Certification Program launch announcement at Sustainability Summit on April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 6-week radio program on KABF begins evening of April 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Single Use Plastics task force will present to the Board of Directors on March 31<sup>st</sup> – please attend if you're able!

#### Energy

Meets first Tuesday of the month at Rebel Kettle, 4:00pm.

#### Environment

Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm at Fletcher Library.

- Committee is working on Environment goals for 2025 and Beyond Action Plan

#### Waste & Reduction

Next meeting planned for March 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm at Stone's Throw taproom in Stiff's Station neighborhood.

#### Transportation

Committee meeting date/time/place to be announced.

**9. LRSC March meeting will be on the 20<sup>th</sup>.**

DeAngelis moved that the meeting be held on the 20<sup>th</sup>, rather than the 27<sup>th</sup>. Andrew seconded. All were in favor.

**10. 2020 Sustainability Commission Chair – Karen Zuccardi**

**2020 Sustainability Commission Vice Chair – Andrew Jester**

Meeting adjourned at 1:07pm

Minutes taken by Lennie Massanelli