



Little Rock Sustainability Commission

Minutes of Meeting for September 25, 2020 at 11:30am

Webex Virtual Meeting

1. Chair Karen Zuccardi called the meeting to order at 11:32 am. A quorum was present.
2. **Attendance:**
 - A. **Commissioners Present:** Jan Baker, Katharine (Kay Kay) DeRossette, Grant Duensing, Rachel Furman, Ron Hughes, Andrew Jester, Uta Meyer, Randy Pierce, Malik Saafir, Karen Zuccardi, Linda Bell, Michael Nichols
Commissioners Absent: Niki Evansingston, Casey Shepard
 - B. **Guests Present:** Scott Hamilton, Karen Guthrie
 - C. **Staff Present:** Melinda Glasgow – Sustainability Officer, Lennie Massanelli – Sustainability Educator, John Landosky – BikePed Coordinator, Tom Carpenter – City Attorney, Director Kathy Webb
3. **Approval of Minutes from August 28, 2020 meeting:**
DeRossette made a motion to approve last meeting’s minutes. Duensing seconded the motion. All Commissioners approved.
4. **Citizens Input:** none
5. **Bylaws (City Attorney Tom Carpenter):**
 - Discussion – Baker asked which version was up for review? Zuccardi explained that the ad hoc bylaws task force was open to any commissioner who wanted to participate. That task force then made revisions and submitted the bylaws to Carpenter.
 - Carpenter went over all areas where he believed changes were needed.**Jester made a motion to reconvene ad hoc bylaws task force to draft revision of bylaws, per Carpenter’s suggestions. Seconded by DeRossette. All were in favor. Karen stated allowing three days for any commissioner to request joining task force.**

6. Radio Show:

- Energy show was recorded on September 24
- EHW committee will begin work Saturday on their script
- Transportation committee needs to start brainstorming content for their script
- Staff schedules recording of shows with LRTV

7. Committee Reports:

Energy – Andrew Jester, chair

- Not many attended September meeting
- Next meeting on October 6 – please try to attend!

Environment, Health and Wellness – Uta Meyer, chair

- Met on Monday, September 21 – good attendance
- Saturday, September 26 @ 4pm group will meet to work on script for radio show
- Arkansas Natural Yard Program Guests: Lynn Foster and Janet Lanza
 - ✓ Presentation on the rationale and structure of program
 - ✓ Asking for outreach support and endorsement from Commission
 - ✓ Questions from committee members
 - How can this program be integrated?
 - List of unacceptable plants provided?
 - Can the Commission endorse a program that may produce financial benefits for some businesses and not others?
 - ✓ Director Webb said that Jay Barth, Chief Education Officer, has endorsed proposals presented to the Children, Youth, and Families Commission
 - ✓ Meyer will see if they can present their program at the October LRSC meeting

Waste & Reduction – Randy Pierce, chair

- Regarding a free drop off day at the city landfill: Assistant Director of Public Works Ronny Loe said this has been done in the past and it's hard to monitor traffic at landfill entrance and weigh station, among other difficulties.
 - ✓ 2021 – LRSC organize with neighborhood associations and ward directors to schedule roll off dumpsters for residents to utilize, along with possible cleanups

Education & Community Outreach – Niki Evansingston, chair

- No updates

Transportation – Kay Kay DeRossette, chair

- Committee needs more LRSC participation. We can move meeting time? Send Kay Kay an email if you're interested in joining the committee, but need to meet at a different time.
- Tri-Creek Greenway letter of support (LOS), emailed to Commission for review

Kay Kay made a motion to vote on submitting LOS. Jester seconded. All were in favor of LOS.

- National Drive Electric Week, parade on September 26, webinars on Monday, the 28th-30th. Staff has more details.
- Safe Routes to Parks – temporary pedestrian and bike lane on Jonesboro Drive, until October 17: <https://www.littlerock.gov/news/safe-routes-to-parks-program-to-open-temporary-pedestrian-bike-lanes-on-jonesboro-drive/>

Baker suggested there is not enough mention on Facebook of the Sustainability Commission. More content should be added on social media about the commission and its involvement in LR.

Baker made a motion that Sustain LR on Facebook include content about LRSC in the About and General sections, as well as posts on LRSC behalf. DeRossette seconded. All were in favor. The LRSO will add the content.

8. Little Rock Sustainability Office staff reports:

- Energy:
 - ✓ National Drive Electric Week, Sept 26-Oct 4 – EV Parade on 9/26, Zoom webinars on 9/28, 9/29, 9/30 www.todayspower.com/dew for more details
 - ✓ LRSO assisted with Energy radio show recording – it went very well!
- Environment, Health & Wellness – LRSO will be assisting EHW with their radio show, soon to be recorded.
- ECO – members of LRSC will be volunteering at Tinkerfest (Museum of Discovery) with a recycling activity
- Transportation:
 - ✓ Metroplan Ozone Action Days
 - ✓ National Drive Electric Week
 - ✓ Radio show discussion and assistance
- Waste & Reduction – heads of Public Works department attended, they will help LRSC with coordinating roll off dumpsters in 2021
- R.O.C.K. Academy: www.littlerock.gov/city-administration/mayors-office/rock-academy/

Two remaining virtual LRSC meetings this year: October 23, December 4

Minutes taken by Lennie Massanelli