

Sustainability Commission

January 8, 2016

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

City of Franklin – Development Services Conference Room – City Hall

8:00 am	Welcome/Introductions	LK Browning
8:05 am – 8:10 am	*Approval of Meeting Minutes	LK Browning
8:10 am – 8:15 am	Announcements: Clean Tennessee Energy Grant Solar Update Litter Reduction Grant Pathway Lending	Andrew Orr
8:15 am – 8:20 am	Chair/Vice Chair Nominations	Andrew Orr
8:20 am – 8:35 am	*High Mast Interstate LEDs	LK Browning Andrew Orr
8:35 am – 8:55 am	Community Action Plan Recap	Andrew Orr
8:55 am – 9:00 am	Other News/Adjourn Upcoming 2015 BOMA Meetings: 1/12/2015; 1/26/2015 Height Overlay Special Meeting: 1/14/2016 at 6pm Upcoming Commission meetings: 2/5/2016 at 8am	LK Browning

*Item contains an attachment or link

MISSION STATEMENT: The Sustainability Commission provides guidance to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and the Planning Commission and leadership for the entire Franklin Community.

Karina Young (12/1/2018)
LK Browning (12/1/2016)
Mike Skinner (BOMA co-terminus)
Teresa Gail Ashworth (TVA Volunteer)
Miles Mennell (Franklin Tomorrow co-terminus)

Bob Moreo (12/1/2016)
Ken Scalf (12/1/2016)
Nancy Whittemore (10/13/2018)
Matt Bean (12/1/2017)
Micah Wood (11/10/2018)

The City of Franklin has committed itself to developing an ongoing strategy of sustainability for the community. This initiative will be designed to achieve viable, fulfilling, and rewarding lifestyles for our residents and business partners through responsible and innovative stewardship of the environment.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FRANKLIN SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 6, 2015**

The Franklin Sustainability Commission held a regular meeting on Friday, November 6, 2015 at 8:00 a.m., in the Community Development Conference Room.

Members Present: Chair L.K. Browning, Mathue Bean, Miles Mennell, Brian Miller, Bob Moreo, Ken Scalf, Mike Skinner, Nancy Whittemore, Karina Young

Members Absent: Teresa Ashworth-Harris,

Visitors: Shironika Farrior

Staff Present: Andrew Orr, Brenda Woods

Call to Order/Introductions

Chair Browning welcomed and reminded everyone that the new meeting time for the Sustainability Commission meeting would be the first Friday of each month at 8:00 a.m.

Introductions were made by all individuals at the meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The September 15, 2015, minutes were presented for consideration.

Ms. Mennell moved to approve the September 15, 2015, minutes, Alderman Skinner seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Announcements

Terms

Mr. Orr stated that he was able to get the terms on the agenda, and they appear at the bottom of the page. He will make the correction to add Ms. Mennell's name and to add a forward slash after the 1 on Matt Bean's term expiration date.

This was Brian Miller's last meeting as his term expires December 1, 2015.

Chair Browning asked if Mr. Miller's seat was currently open.

Mr. Orr stated that it was and that Mayor Moore planned to appoint a new commissioner at the next Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) meeting.

Chair Browning thanked Mr. Miller for his years of service and stated that he was always welcomed back should he desire to come back in the future.

Mr. Scalf stated that the Commission might call on Mr. Miller from time to time for his engineering expertise, and Mr. Miller stated that was fine.

Clean Tennessee Energy Grant

Mr. Orr stated that the City received a grant in the amount of \$18,000 to help pay for the Second Avenue LED retrofit project. An application was filed with TVA's Energy Right Solutions program to see if the City can get a rebate lined up for this project. The project is moving forward and it is the hope to get the lights ordered and installed before the first of the year.

Litter Reduction Grant

Mr. Orr stated that a contract had been finalized with Cumberland River Compact to oversee the logistics of some strewn items and clean up by the Harpeth River. He thought they would want to wait to get through the winter and go at it in early spring. Everything needs to be closed out by July 1, 2016.

Chair Browning asked at what point were they going to put a plan together.

Mr. Orr stated that Cumberland River Compact did have a plan, and that was all part of the agreement. He will follow-up with everyone, and they will probably need some boots on the ground. Their plan is to get a corporate sponsor. He stated that most likely anyone in Franklin who was interested could come out and help.

Chair Browning stated that she had an idea on a corporate sponsor. She requested that this item be put on the agenda for the next meeting. She thought some dates should be put on the calendar for those who care and want to allocate some time to this item. She suggested that, perhaps, one of them could come to the Sustainability Commission meeting and give an update on the plan. The information could also be telephoned in if they were unable to come to a meeting.

Mr. Orr stated that the Sustainability Commission could shoot for the February meeting.

Mr. Miller suggested that Mr. Orr notify the schools regarding the clean-up. They are required to get a number of volunteer hours.

Mr. Orr asked if the school children would be able to volunteer during the week, or if it would have to be on a weekend.

Mr. Miller stated that it could be after school or the weekends.

Ms. Mennell stated that the “Tennessee Achieve” might be a group to consider.

Mr. Orr explained litter would be picked up along Liberty Creek and Sharp Branch. They would try to get the debris before it got into the Harpeth.

Solar Update

Mr. Orr stated that as far as he knew, the solar project was on target. Mr. Merville, the owner of Energy Source Partners, expects the project to be completed before the end of the year.

Chair Browning asked Mr. Orr if he could find out when the ribbon cutting would be so that this does not sneak up on the Sustainability Commission, and the Commission could be at the ribbon cutting.

Holiday Gathering (12/4 breakfast or spring gathering)

Mr. Orr stated that the December 4 date had been discussed and also having a breakfast at Puckett’s or Merridees versus something after hours since December is a rather hectic month.

Chair Browning discussed not having a meeting in December and turning it into a breakfast on December 4.

It was decided that the Sustainability Commission would meet on December 4, 8:00 a.m., at Puckett’s Restaurant. Mr. Orr will email a meeting invitation to everyone regarding the meeting.

High Mast Interstate LEDs

Mr. Orr stated that there is lighting along I-65. The big, tall, high mast lights, with 4 to 8 fixtures on the top, are at the interchanges of Moore’s Lane, Cool Springs BLVD, McEwen Drive, and Murfreesboro and Road. The only interchange, which does not have high mast lighting is Goose Creek. It is dark between Old Hickory Boulevard and Nashville. Going south on I-65 from Moores Lane, there is a total of 20 poles. They are owned and maintained by the City of Franklin. The City has three poles that have already been converted to LEDs from conventional high pressure sodium lights.

Chair Browning stated that it would be great for Mr. Orr to list the non-financial part.

Mr. Orr discussed the 42 percent savings on these lights. The payback time on these lights used to be 10 to 12 years. However, the Generation 2 Holophane LEDs are significantly less

expensive bringing the payback down to about six years. Currently, the City spends about \$25,000 annually on maintenance for all of the streetlights, and approximately \$7,500 of that is for the high mast lights. However, with the Gen 2, the City is hoping that it can put these lights up and forget about them. The City has 20 poles and 136 fixtures.

Discussion ensued on the I-65 interstate lights.

Chair Browning asked Mr. Orr if he would share his light chart with the Sustainability Commission when he had it updated.

Ms. Mennell asked Mr. Moreo if he could find out who owns the street lights.

2016 Outlook

Projects for New Year

Review 2013 Action Plan

Chair Browning asked what the Sustainability Commission would like to tackle in 2016. She asked if it was time to review the 2013 Action Plan. She asked Mr. Orr if he would send the 2013 Action Plan to the Sustainability Commission to review.

Green Business Partnership

Chair Browning stated that the Green Business Partnership had been discussed a little and some new energy had been infused into it. She asked Mr. Orr if he would send the current Green Business Partnership to the Sustainability Commission.

Chair Browning asked if anyone could think of anything else that would help Ms. Whittemore and Alderman Skinner.

Chair Browning stated that when the Sustainability Commission was created, her understanding was that this Commission would advise the BOMA. She did not see that this Commission had done that and certainly not very often. Her request would be that everyone think about how this Commission could better engage with the BOMA. How often does this Commission feel that they should show up at the BOMA meetings? The Sustainability Commission has a liaison from the BOMA to the Sustainability Commission, and Chair Browning felt that there should be a liaison from the Sustainability Commission to the BOMA. This is a third item that could be discussed at the breakfast on December 4 along with the Community Action Plan and Green Business Partnership.

Ms. Whittemore asked if the Sustainability Commission knew what the BOMA expected of this Commission.

Alderman Skinner stated that he thought it would be up to the Sustainability Commission to show up, periodically, at the BOMA. This Commission may have to build consensus by educating the BOMA.

Mr. Moreo stated that he thought it was great to have Alderman Skinner's input regarding the BOMA.

Alderman Skinner stated that if the Sustainability Commission was interested in something, it should be brought to the BOMA during the budget time to show how important the Commission thinks something is.

Chair Browning stated that the Sustainability Commission might want to develop a list of opportunities and inform the BOMA of these opportunities at a BOMA meeting. Could the Sustainability Commission focus on getting on the BOMA agenda early in January for these opportunities? She asked if Mr. Orr would get the list together.

Ms. Mennell stated that she thought more outreach needed to occur, and more publicity needed to be generated for sustainability.

More discussion ensued on getting the sustainability topics to the BOMA.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.