



Sustainability Commission

August 5, 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	*Approval of Meeting Minutes	LK Browning
8:05 am – 8:10 am	Announcements: River Clean-Ups Greening Community Events Envision Franklin meeting with other Commissions No September Meeting	Andrew Orr
8:10 am – 8:30 am	Waste Reduction/Recycling Update	Becky Caldwell
8:30 am – 8:40 am	*City Hall Energy Assessment	Andrew Orr
8:40 am – 8:55 am	TVA Sustainable Communities Inventory	Andrew Orr
8:55 am – 9:00 am	Other News/Adjourn Williamson County Fair BOMA: 8/9/2016; 8/23/2016 Envision Franklin Public Meetings: 9/26 at 4:30-7:30pm & 9/27 7:30 am –9:30 am at Columbia State	

*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 (11/10/2018)
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 (12/12/2017)
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**

JUNE 3, 2016

The Franklin Sustainability Commission held a regular meeting on Friday, June 3, 2016, at 8:00 a.m., in the Community Development Conference Room.

Members Present: Teresa Ashworth-Harris, Mathue Bean, Chair L.K. Browning, Vice Chair Bob Moreo, Alderman Mike Skinner, Nancy Whittemore, Micah Wood, Karina Young

Members Absent: Miles Mennell, Ken Scalf,

Visitors: Laura Harvanek, Tommy Harvanek, Dana Kose

Staff Present: Andrew Orr, Brenda Woods

Welcome/Introductions

Chair Browning called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and everyone introduced themselves.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Wood moved to approve the May 6, 2016, minutes, as presented, Alderman Skinner seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Announcements

Conference Call/Rooms

Mr. Orr stated that the Development Services Conference Room would be the new meeting room for the Sustainability Commission's monthly meeting. This room has a phone jack so if individuals cannot attend the meeting, they can always call in to listen to the meeting.

Chair Browning stated that it would be a good practice for Commission members to make it known if they are planning to call in.

Energy Efficiency Workshop at Eastern Flank

Mr. Orr stated that two weeks ago, there was an energy efficiency workshop at the Eastern Flank. The agenda was solid, and they moved through the speakers quickly. The LED streetlights were a big topic in the second half focus of the workshop. The State Energy Office put it on. They have received a grant, the City of Franklin is a partner in that grant, and the City worked toward fulfilling part of their requirement.

Alderman Skinner stated that grants are out there, one just has to start working and looking for them.

River Clean-Ups

Mr. Orr stated that two clean-ups were done on April 1 and 15, 2016. The Cumberland River Compact has a corporate partner and are planning to do another one this month. He will confirm that date.

City Hall Energy Assessment

Mr. Orr stated that at the meeting on May 6, the Sustainability Commission talked about having an energy assessment conducted at City Hall. Thank you to Mr. Bean for getting that request in and coordinating it. TVA came out and did an assessment. The City is awaiting the report, and as soon as it comes through, it will be shared with the Commission.

Mr. Orr asked the Commission if TVA should go ahead and do an assessment of the Police Headquarters.

Chair Browning stated that she thought it was a good plan to do the assessment.

Vice Chair Moreo stated that since the Police Headquarters was a fairly new building, the TVA could see if it was performing well.

Mr. Orr will check with Mr. Wilson, the City's Facilities Project Manager, to see if it is a go.

Bike Video for Bike Month

Mr. Orr stated that the City was very fortunate to have Milissa Reiersen in the Communications Division. He stated that Kelly Dannenfeler, Principal Planner, and he had recently completed a bike video, which was posted on the City's Facebook page. All of the comments that he had read about the video were positive.

The trail around Bicentennial Park that is under construction should be completed fairly soon.

The Hillsboro Road project will have bike lanes and sidewalks. The trail is going in along 96-West from Carlisle Lane to Freedom Intermediate School.

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) approved the trail with the sidewalks from Pinkerton Park to Mack Hatcher Parkway.

Chair Browning and Mr. Orr had discussed having a mobile workshop for the July meeting, and the meeting will be on July 8 instead of July 1.

Chair Browning stated that members had varying levels of knowledge on the Sustainability Commission because of the way Commission members roll on and off of the Commission. She thought the July 8 mobile workshop might be a good next step to make sure all of the Commissioners are steeped in what the Commission has done and what is out there. Since the July meeting falls on July 1, which is the weekend before July 4 on Monday, she did not know who would be around. She and Mr. Orr thought they would float the idea of spending four hours or so, again, to really just get out and see some of the projects.

Mr. Orr stated that he thought a half day would be fine. The Commission would start at 8:30 a.m. and spend about one hour at the City. They would use the Fire Department's van and spend a couple of hours in the field seeing the compost site, the solar arrays, the recycling transfer station, and maybe do a loop around Carothers Parkway. They would then end up back at the City with a catered lunch.

There will not be a July 1 meeting, but instead, a July 8 mobile workshop, and Mr. Orr will notify everyone via email regarding this.

TVA Valley Sustainable Communities Update

Mr. Orr stated that he had included the Valley Sustainable Communities Program in his email to everyone. Mr. Del Boyette is President and CEO of Boyette Strategic Advisors. TVA hired Mr. Boyette's company to establish this program and to run it. This is a brief article about what it is and why it is important.

Mr. Orr also included a press release from November 2013, and several of the Sustainability Commissions members were in the picture. TVA has Silver, Gold, and Platinum categories. The City was one of the test pilot communities, and it received gold. Mr. Orr emailed this press release to make everyone aware. The last 20 pages were an inventory. To apply for the TVA program, the City had to submit information detailing sustainability efforts in Franklin regarding, not only what the City is doing, but how Middle Tennessee Electric Cooperation interfaces with that and how the City's nonprofit partners work together to make Franklin more sustainable. A meeting was held at the Police Headquarters, and this inventory is documentation of much of what was happening in 2013.

The program is set up for communities to recertify every three years, so it has now been three years, and it is time to recertify. Being one of the pilot programs, not everything had been flushed out. Six communities were designated platinum, 14 were designated gold, and 9 were designated silver.

Mr. Orr had a call from a consultant and a few individuals from TVA last week. Everything has been moved online, and there is a very robust online survey containing 120 questions. Everything that "yes" is answered to has to be proven by documenting, uploading or providing a hyperlink. It is definitely time-consuming, so Mr. Orr is presently working through that. Once this is submitted, TVA will have about a month to review, and they will

reach back out to the City to discuss where it stands. If the City is really close to platinum, we'll work together on short-term goals to get us there.

Vice Chair Moreo stated that there was a short time to track it, and there was little that the City could do to get platinum now, but once the City has gone through it this can be used for future years to get to platinum.

Chair Browning asked how we would get to platinum if the application was as involved as Mr. Orr stated, and the City was still gold.

Mr. Orr stated that the City was close to Platinum.

Ms. Ashworth-Harris asked if the consultants gave Mr. Orr guidance on the steps it would take to get to platinum.

Mr. Orr stated that the consultants wanted there to be a closer tie, or to bridge the gap with the economic development staff, the Chamber of Commerce, and the City. He had been in touch with them, and we will see how it goes. He did try to explain that Williamson County is unique in that it is growing so fast. It is a desirable place to locate a business, and Cool Springs is probably one of the top corporate centers in the southeast, so the City is in a little bit of a different position than many other places in Tennessee. He thinks that Franklin is very fortunate to be in the position that it is in.

Ms. Ashworth-Harris stated that she thought TVA was really looking for the coordination and teamwork of the City and those other entities that are working to grow and prosper the area. They are looking for that relationship as much as for efforts that have gone in to bringing new growth to the area. She agreed that the City had to do very little to see growth. She thought that the structure needed to be in place so that when someone does come in, the City is ready and set to make the deal with folks that are looking to make a deal in that area.

Vice Chair Moreo stated that there was a lot interest as far as recruiting sustainable businesses.

Chair Browning asked if there was a provision for Franklin Tomorrow since their efforts in sustainability were much like the Chamber of Commerce. She wondered if there was a way to plug that in.

Mr. Orr stated that yes and that he would incorporate the efforts of Franklin Tomorrow into the inventory.

Ms. Ashworth-Harris asked about the Heritage Foundation.

Alderman Skinner discussed the Old, Old Jail and the Heritage Foundation. This will be put as a place to visit during the Mobile Workshop in July.

Boy Scout Tommy Harvanek, and Laura Harvanek, his mother, were guests at the Sustainability Commission. One of his requirements was to attend a town meeting, and this was a way for him to get one of his requirements.

A short discussion ensued regarding the Boy Scouts' requirements and the Sustainability Commission.

Mr. Orr will give Mr. Harvanek a copy of the TVA Program Overview.

Mr. Orr stated that the TMA group received a very large grant, and they are still working out the details on how to launch the bike share program.

Ms. Young asked who operated the Bike Share.

Mr. Orr stated that it would be contracted out to a company that would maintain all of the bikes, stations, and the software.

Mr. Orr stated that the Commission had talked with Mr. Scalf about some of the discussions that were had at the Strategic Workshop about building codes. It will be a difficult challenge to move forward just by the nature of what it is, and Mr. Scalf is committed to working on it.

Chair Browning stated that she thought the Commission would be able to get more of an update on Mr. Scalf and the building codes when he attended the meeting, but he was unable to be at this meeting.

Ms. Kose asked about the building codes.

Mr. Orr stated that the 2009 building codes had been adopted, but Mr. Scalf was looking at some of the more stringent ones.

Chair Browning stated that a breakfast meeting might need to be scheduled to discuss the building codes. She will check with Mr. Scalf to find a date, will notify the Sustainability members, and any member who wants to attend is welcome.

Mr. Orr stated that some communities had found a mechanism to recoup some of their energy savings and have that in a dedicated fund. He will provide some case studies the next time the Commission has a regular meeting.

Chair Browning stated that with the remaining time, the Commission could discuss what the field trip on July 8 would entail.

Mr. Orr stated that the Commission could meet at City Hall, and he would supply the coffee. He stated that Bob Martin had a history of Franklin PowerPoint, and he could ask Mr. Martin to share. They could then go with the following schedule:

- Tour of Old, Old Jail

- Wastewater Plant
- Compost site
- Visit the Old, Old Jail
- Recycling transfer station
- Visit the BOPAE site at 417 Century Court
- The Park at Harlinsdale Farm

Mr. Bean stated that he was taking another position at MTEMC and would no longer be able to be on the Sustainability Commission. Once MTEMC gets someone hired in his current position, he will bring the person up-to-speed on the Sustainability Commission.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

ACTION ITEMS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cumberland River Compact has a corporate partner that they are hoping to work with this month, and Andrew will confirm that date.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Orr will check with Mr. Wilson, the City’s Facilities Project Manager, to see if the Police Headquarters is a go for an energy assessment.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will not be a July 1 meeting, but will instead be a July 8 mobile workshop, and Mr. Orr will notify everyone via email regarding this.
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