

Sustainability Commission



April 7, 2017

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

City of Franklin –CDCR – City Hall

8:00 am	Welcome/Introductions	Andrew Orr
8:05 am	*Approval of Meeting Minutes	Bob Moreo
8:05 am – 8:10 am	Announcements: Solar Streetlights PACE Legislation HB0464 and SB0794 State of the City May 17 th Next Meeting Date May 5, 2017; no meeting in June	Andrew Orr
8:10 am – 8:35 am	Litter Reduction Efforts	Andrew Orr
8:35 am – 8:40 am	Mayor’s Challenge for Conservation	Andrew Orr
8:40 am – 8:55 am	Sustainability Indicators and Measurements	Andrew Orr
8:55 am – 9:00 am	Other News/Adjourn	All

*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)
Will Dodson (12/13/2019)
Mike Skinner (BOMA co-terminus)
Teresa Gail Ashworth (TVA Volunteer)
Patrick Baggett (3/14/2017 Franklin Tomorrow)

Bob Moreo (12/13/2019)
Dana Kose (12/13/2019)
Nancy Whittemore (10/13/2018)
Todd Palmer (8/9/2019)
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

March 3, 2017

The Franklin Sustainability Commission held a regular meeting on Friday, March 3, 2017 at 8:00 a.m., in the Community Development Conference Room.

Members Present: Chairman Bob Moreo, Vice-Chairman Dana Kose, Micah Wood, Will Dodson, Todd Palmer, Nancy Whittemore,

Members Absent: Karina Young, Alderman Mike Skinner, Teresa-Ashworth Harris

Visitors: Patrick Baggett, representing Franklin Tomorrow

Staff Present: Andrew Orr, Elaine Ellis, Emily Hunter, Michael Walters Young

Welcome/Introductions

Chairman Moreo called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., and everyone introduced themselves.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Ms. Whittemore moved, seconded by **Mr. Wood** to approve the minutes from February 3, 2017. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Announcements

Association of Energy Engineers Visit

Mr. Orr stated that members of the Association for Energy Engineers (AEE) will tour the Wastewater Plant on April 25, 2017 at 3 pm. A group of approximately 20 people will view the Wastewater Plant Expansion and learn about the solar projects. Any commission members are welcome to attend.

Riverfront Study Public Study

Mr. Orr stated that over 1,000 people have completed the Riverfront Study survey online. He also encouraged the members to put the survey on their social media sites. **Ms. Hunter** stated that the survey will remain open until March 27th.

Mr. Orr stated there were two Open House meetings held on February 27th: 11:30-1:00 pm and 4:30-7:00pm at City Hall. A total of 200 people attended the open houses.

Mr. Wood asked what steps were involved in the adoption process for the Riverfront. **Ms. Hunter** explained that the process would be divided into different phases. Phase one includes the gathering the results of the Riverfront Survey, the Consulting Group and the analysis of the flood plain. She also stated that an In-house design team will design the Riverfront based upon the results of the survey.

MTEMC LED Pilot Project

Mr. Orr stated that the LED lights installed near Liberty Pike look great.

Special Census Results

Mr. Orr stated that the Special Census results show the population for the City of Franklin is 71,374. This does not include citizens that were not available or who refused to partake. The results show that there has been a population increase of 5,000 since the 2014 Census.

Ms. Kose asked what the estimate was for those who did not participate in the Census. **Michael Walters Young** stated that he believed approximately 90% of households participated.

For each person who participated in the Census, the City of Franklin will receive \$120 in funding from the State of Tennessee (based upon shared sales tax) beginning July, 2017.

Next Meeting Dates

Mr. Orr stated the next Sustainability Commission Meetings will be held:

- Friday, April 7th at 8 am.
- Friday, May 5th at 8 am.
- June (no meeting will be held)

2016 National Citizen Survey Results

Michael Walters Young, Budget & Analytics Manager for the City of Franklin, presented the results of the 2016 Franklin Citizen Survey. The survey was designed to measure our community's livability. The survey was sent to 3000 citizens of Franklin. Over 37% responded to the mail-in survey. Approximately 340 people responded to the on-line open survey.

The survey included over 500 cities and compared Franklin to other cities with populations between 50,000 to 80,000 residents. The results show that 97% of the participants ranked Franklin's Quality of Life as good or excellent. This rating ranked Franklin as eighth in the nation for Quality of Life.

The main concerns for the participants were traffic and safety. It showed that people feel safe in Franklin, but continuing safety is a main concern. Regarding traffic, people are concerned about growth and lack of mobility. Although, only 30-40% said they would use mass transit if available.

Regarding Sustainability, the results showed that 93% rated the City's services good or excellent. Franklin ranked in the top 8% for Sanitation. Approximately 85% of the participants who own homes rated Franklin's recycling as excellent or good. Other areas with high ratings (combining both Good and Excellent) include:

- Natural Environments 87%
- Air Quality 87%
- Public Places where People want to spend their time 89%

Approximately 70% said they have tried to make their home more energy efficient and 74% have tried to conserve water.

Ms. Kose asked what is the next step for using the data. **Mr. Young** commented that the information is a validation of both the positive aspects of the City and of the items that need to be improved. The goal is to repeat this survey every two years and use the 2016 results for a baseline.

The data from his presentation has been attached to these minutes and is also available on the City’s website at franklintn.gov. He also stated that the City’s Strategic Plan data is available online at performance.franklintn.gov. This website contains information pertinent to the Sustainability Commission such as recycling data collected over the past six years. The website is interactive.

Chair Moreo thanked **Michael Walters Young** for his presentation and stated that the survey results would help the Sustainability Committee with its goals.

Sustainability Indicators and Measurements

Chairman Moreo stated due to lack of time, this topic would be deferred until next month’s meeting.

Other News

Chairman Moreo asked the Committee for any other news. The following was discussed:

1. **Ms. Whittemore** asked **Mr. Orr** about his training in the TDEC Professional Energy Management Program. He stated that the program involves attending a class three days each month through the month of June.
2. **Chairman Moreo** welcomed **Patrick Baggett** to the meeting. **Mr. Baggett** will be joining the Commission in the future.
3. **Ms. Kose** asked about the City’s Energy Audit on the City’s building. **Mr. Orr** and **Michael Walters Young** commented that the City is looking into whether to remodel or replace the current space located at 109 3rd Ave South. The current space is not efficient in square footage or energy usage.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 am.

ACTION ITEMS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Orr will send out a meeting invitation for the next Sustainability meeting. |
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