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## Sustainability Commission

June 1, 2018

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

City of Franklin –CDCR – City Hall

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8:00 am	<b>Welcome/Introductions</b>	Andrew Orr
8:05 am	<b>*Approval of Meeting Minutes</b>	Dana Kose
8:05 am – 8:15 am	<b>Announcements:</b> Lebanon, TN Field Trip Franklin City Commission Updates State of the City Address Twice Daily/Thrive August 3, 2018 Meeting Other News	Andrew Orr
8:15 am – 8:45 am	<b>Glass Recycling Discussion</b>	Jack Tucker
8:45 am – 9:00 am	<b>2018 Priorities Update</b>	All
9:00 am	<b>Other News/Adjourn</b>	All

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\*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.

Bob Moreo (12/13/2019)  
Will Dodson (12/13/2019)  
Beverly Burger (BOMA co-terminus)  
Patrick Baggett (Franklin Tomorrow co-terminus)  
Mike Leonard (12/12/2020)

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

April 6, 2018

The Franklin Sustainability Commission held a regular meeting on Friday, April 6, 2018, at 8:00 a.m., in the Community Development Conference Room.

**Members Present:** Chair Dana Kose, Vice-Chair Bob Moreo, Mike Leonard, Will Dodson, Todd Palmer, Patrick Baggett, Nancy Whittemore and Micah Wood

**Members Absent:** Alderman Beverly Burger

**Visitors:** Brooke Wanser, Franklin Home Page

**Staff Present:** Andrew Orr, Elaine Ellis, Emily Hunter, Kelly Dannenfelser

## Welcome/Introductions

**Chair Kose** called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Each member introduced themselves.

## Franklin Forward Update

**Mr. Michael Walters Young**, Budget and Strategic Innovation Manager, gave a presentation about Franklin Forward, the City's open-data website. The data came from the survey information from 3000 households in Franklin. The survey will be conducted every two years. There will also be an open survey on the City's website.

There were five sub-themes under the topic "Safe, Clean, and Livable City" that pertained to Sustainability:

- Safe Neighborhoods
- Enhance Value of City
- High Quality Water
- Model of Sustainability
- Leader in Recycling

The City had five goals under Model of Sustainability:

- Achieve Platinum Status in the TVA Sustainable Communities Program. This has been achieved.
- Smarter City by National Resource Defense Council – This goal is being removed because it is not measurable.
- Reduce the number of gallons of fossil fuel used by City Vehicles by 10% by 2015. The City of Franklin's growth has affected the results. **Mr. Orr** stated that the 2012/2013 reduction in fuel was due to subcontracting out the hauling services to the landfill.

- Reduce the City's use of electricity and natural gas by 20% by 2020. Statistics are kept by the Finance department.
- Increase the number of LEED Certified buildings in the City's area to attract energy friendly businesses and increase tax revenues. The goal was 13, but there are 22 that have been built to date.

Other goals associated with Sustainability include High Quality Water and Leader in Recycling. There are three goals for recycling:

- Increase the usage of blue bag recycling by 3% each year.
- Reach 60% recycling use by citizens. This goal has been met three years early.
- Increase BOPAE recycling (batteries, oil, paint, anti-freeze, and electronics) collections by 5% annually.

A discussion ensued about changing City vehicles and fleet trucks over to hybrid or electric. **Ms. Whittemore** spoke about Metro Nashville's policy for changing fuel based vehicles to electric or hybrid.

Other topics discussed include:

- **Mr. Orr** suggested that since the City was phasing out the Natural Defense Council goal, it could be replaced with the LEED for Cities Certification.
- A component of LEED for Cities is the number of LEED certified buildings. There are 22 LEED certified buildings in Franklin. The City of Franklin Government has two: the Police Building and a Fire Station.
- Once LEED certification is achieved, how to manage the data for LEED certified buildings over a period of time is critical. For example, energy and water usage.
- The Sustainability Commission could offer assistance with setting sustainable goals for the City in the future. **Michael Walters Young** stated that when the City sets goals, the City has to have control over the goal and the goal has to be measurable.
- **Mr. Baggett** will send the data link from LEED for Cities to **Michael Walters Young**. He suggested that they might be able to use it in Franklin Forward. **Chair Kose** stated that the data included residents of Franklin.
- It was suggested that a deadline for the new goals should be set. **Chair Kose** asked if there was anyone who would like to help provide feedback.
- **Michael Walters Young** will send the Commission a list of goals that pertain to sustainability efforts.
- Budget requests are submitted in December. **Mr. Orr** submitted a budget request for the cost of LEED for Cities. He will know in June if it is approved.

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

**Mr. Palmer** moved, seconded by **Mr. Wood**, to approve the minutes from March 2, 2018. The motion was carried unanimously (8-0).

**Chair Kose** suggested that, in the future, the minutes should be sent by email and not attached to the agenda. She added that the agenda should be printed for the members to take notes.

**Mr. Leonard** stated that he wants to be able to review the minutes to make sure his statements are correct.

### **Announcements**

#### Governor's Environmental Awards

Last Month, **Mr. Orr** submitted the River Walk Study and the Litter Reduction Efforts for the awards.

#### Hill Property Update

**Mr. Orr** stated **Ms. Kelly Dannenfelser and Ms. Annette Whitehurst**, from the Planning Department, will present the public survey results and the open house results to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Tuck-Hinton Consultants will also present their recommendations. **Mr. Orr** will update the Commission on the results.

#### Franklin City Commission Updates

The City of Franklin Tree Commission will be at Pinkerton Park on April 21<sup>st</sup> (Arbor Day/Earth Day) giving out free trees. **Mr. Palmer** will be at the park representing Middle Tennessee Electric and will also represent the Sustainability Commission. **Mr. Orr** will provide a banner to display at the event. Suggestions were made by several members that the Sustainability Commission should have promotional/educational items such as stickers, coloring books, and signs featuring sustainability "tips".

The Battlefield Commission has created a vision document. **Mr. Orr** will send this to the Commission members.

The Franklin Housing Commission made a presentation to the members two months ago.

**Mr. Leonard** stated that in talking about how we can relate to other commissions, anytime there is a way for us to support initiatives that other groups are doing, we should help them out and clarify them and tie them back to other purposes related to sustainability so the Board of Mayor and Aldermen will recognize side benefits. He stated that just being aware of what other commissions are doing, but not sure on follow-up.

**Ms. Whittemore** suggested providing recognition, even if it's a letter from this body or a certificate or proclamation.

#### May Field Trip

The Commission decided not to meet on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Instead, the Commission will take a field trip to the Lebanon Waste plant on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### June and July Meetings

The Commission voted to have the next meeting on June 1, 2018. There will not be a Sustainability Commission meeting in May due to the off site field trip. July will not have a meeting because of the Fourth of July holiday.

### Other Business

**Mr. Wood** stated that the goals should be set by August, 2018.

**Mr. Orr** stated that Jack Turner from SES will make a presentation at the next meeting about glass recycling.

### Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 am.

### ACTION ITEMS

- **Mr. Orr** will send out a meeting invitation for the next Sustainability meeting on June 1, 2018.
- **Mr. Orr** will set up field trip to the Lebanon Waste Plant.
- **Mr. Orr** will provide **Mr. Palmer** with a banner for the Arbor Day event on April 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Mr. Orr** will send the Battlefield Commission Vision Statement to the Commission members.