



## Sustainability Commission

**August 2, 2019**

**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>	All
8:05 am	<b>*Approval of April Meeting Minutes</b>	Dana Kose
8:05 am – 8:35 am	<b>*Scooter Discussion</b>	Holland Schellhase
8:35 am – 9:00 am	<b>*Blue Bag to Blue Bin Update</b>	Milissa Reiersen Nate Ridley
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.

Brenton Montgomery (12/11/2021)  
Will Dodson (12/13/2019)  
Beverly Burger (BOMA co-terminus)  
Patrick Baggett (Franklin Tomorrow co-terminus)  
Mike Leonard (2/26/2022)

Todd Palmer (8/9/2019)  
Dana Kose (12/13/2019)  
Nancy Whittemore (10/23/2021)  
Micah Wood (10/23/2021)

*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 7, 2019**

The Franklin Sustainability Commission held a regular meeting on Friday, June 7, 2019, at 8:00 a.m., in the Community Development Conference Room.

**Members Present:** Chair Dana Kose, Micah Wood, Alderman Beverly Burger, Mike Leonard, Will Dodson, Patrick Baggett, and Brenton Montgomery

**Members Absent:** Nancy Whittemore and Todd Palmer

**Visitors:** Mike Cassidy (resident) – has interest in renewable energy

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

**Welcome/Introductions**

**Chair Kose** called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Introductions were made.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**Mr. Wood** moved, seconded by **Mr. Dodson**, to approve the minutes from April 5, 2019. The motion carried (7-0).

**Announcements**

**Nashville Scooter Update:**

**Mr. Orr** stated that a 26-year old man had been killed while riding a scooter in Nashville. Mayor Briley (Metro Nashville) issued a thirty-day notice for safety regulations. There is a meeting set for June 27<sup>th</sup> to consider new regulations and recommendations from the Metro Council. Knoxville initially banned scooters, so they could study and set regulations. In Knoxville, scooters are only allowed in certain areas and picked up at night. **Mr. Leonard** stated that lack of enforcement is the biggest issue in Nashville. It was stated that parking areas were recently added. **Ms. Hunter** stated there would be an internal meeting set in the next few weeks to discuss the issue of having scooters in the Franklin/Cool Springs area. **Alderman Burger** asked if someone could set up business now. **Ms. Hunter** stated that they could. **Alderman Burger** asked if there was another city that had handled this situation well. **Mr. Orr** stated that Knoxville had done a good job. Mr. Wood stated he would check with some planners at the City of Knoxville to see how the scooter program is going. **Alderman Burger**

stated she would like to see a pilot program for scooters in Cool Springs during the lunch hour. She said Downtown Franklin was too congested. She stated that the eateries should be contacted to provide designated parking areas for the scooters. **Mr. Orr** stated that the City of Portland conducted a study and found that 34% of residents would have taken a car if the scooter had not been available. **Mr. Leonard** asked if you have a mat area at local businesses, could the area be controlled with radar. It was suggested that they charge the rider if they go outside the control area. **Mr. Baggett** stated that the charges should continue if the scooter was laid down. **Mr. Wood** stated the most important question to ask is who will enforce the regulations. **Alderman Burger** asked **Ms. Hunter** to suggest to those attending the meeting to discuss the scooters that the Sustainability Commission should be considered before writing an ordinance. **Ms. Hunter** stated that the scooter issue would be given to a specific staff member to oversee when more staff was hired. **Mr. Leonard** stated this would be a link to the LEED for Cities by providing data showing how scooters affected the number of cars, congestions, and convenience.

#### **State of the City Address:**

**Mayor Moore** held the State of the City Address in May. **Mr. Orr** stated that the members should watch the video on Facebook.

#### **Staffing:**

**Ms. Hunter** stated that there had been some recent promotions within the Planning and Sustainability Department: **Kelly Dannenfels** –Assistant Director of the Planning and Sustainability Department and **Andrew Orr** – Long Range Supervisor. Also, there are four Principal Planner staff positions open (2 in Long Range and 2 in Current). **Ms. Hunter** stated that they were interviewing for the Current Principal Planner positions and that the Long Range positions had just been posted. She stated they hoped to fill all of the positions by the end of the summer.

#### **No July Meeting:**

**Mr. Orr** stated that the next meeting would take place on August 2, 2019.

#### **Recycling Hub Tour Recap**

**Mr. Orr** stated that some members went to the recycling center in Lebanon. He stated that they use inmates to help to distribute the recycling. He stated that a few of their staff members were former inmates. He stated that they have fires from the lithium ion batteries when the batteries come in contact with water. He stated they are interested primarily in plastics (1 and 2) cardboard, cans, larger pieces of paper. He stated that 20% of the recycling items go to the landfill. He stated they have regional companies that take the recycling products. For example, Coke takes the aluminum cans. He stated they do not work with glass because there is not a buyer for

the product. He stated that the paper and cardboard go to companies in Alabama and Georgia. **Ms. Kose** stated that Publix will take your plastic grocery bags. **Mr. Dodson** stated that there needs to be more education about what is recyclable. It was suggested that they need a video from the recycling plant. **Mr. Baggett** stated that the new containers would cause people to put more items in the bins. Before the bins go out, people need to be educated as to what is recyclable. **Ms. Kose** asked if communities could not ban straws or bags, maybe they could add a charge for the use of plastic straws and plastic grocery bags. **Mr. Leonard** stated there should be a zero waste plan for the City Departments. He stated this is being done in Minneapolis. **Mr. Baggett** stated that they needed a video before the bins roll out to educate the public. **Alderman Burger** agreed. **Ms. Kose** stated that 80% of her plastic is not 1 or 2. **Mr. Montgomery** asked if the City could issue a charge for using plastic bags. **Ms. Kose** stated that these items needed to be cut off at the source (suppliers). **Alderman Burger** stated the suppliers (For example, yogurt shops) should only use plastic (1 or 2). She also stated people who don't recycle should be charged an extra fee. **Mr. Leonard** stated that a waste audit should be conducted during the City events/festivals. For example, go through the bags to see what was used. In October, they will have bins at the Octoberfest festival. **Mr. Orr** stated this topic needs to be carried over to the next agenda.

### **Downtown Parking Garage EV Chargers**

**Mr. Orr** stated that two EV charging stations were installed in each of the parking garages in December, 2011. The original value was \$10,000 and it was funded by a grant. During the first two years, there were no fees required. Blink owns and maintains the units. The City has a revenue sharing agreement with Blink, but the contract just expired and is now a month-to-month agreement. **Mr. Orr** stated that the City could move in a different direction with another company with sixty day's notice to Blink.

**Mr. Orr** discussed the statistics for the use of the EV chargers. The Fourth Ave parking garage units are used more than the Second Ave parking garage. Data from 2018 shows that the Fourth Ave parking garage units had 235 plug ins. In 2018, the Second Ave parking garage EV chargers were used 84 times. Blink charges \$2.40 per hour for members. To date, the total City revenue has been \$324.00. The amount of power was \$40 worth of kilowatt hours, but would verify (approximate). **Mr. Leonard** asked if **Mr. Orr** had reviewed the utility bills. **Mr. Orr** stated that it was not triggering a higher demand for electricity. **Mr. Baggett** discussed the General Motors venture into EV chargers. **Mr. Orr** wanted to see if the Commission would like

more information or data. He mentioned there is a website called Plugshare.com. **Alderman Burger** asked who makes the decision to continue with Blink. **Mr. Orr** stated that he would like the Commission's input to make a recommendation to the City Administrator. **Mr. Orr** stated that the Parking Attendant knows if vehicles are actively charging. If cars are not actively charging, the driver will be cited. **Mr. Baggett** stated that they need to look into working with Tesla for more charging stations. Mr. Leonard stated that Tesla does offer equipment to companies/vendors. He stated we should encourage low emission vehicles in the area, so the City should offer free charging stations. **Mr. Orr** stated that Nissan will provide a free charging station (they do not put in or maintain), but you cannot charge a fee to use it. The City worked with Nissan and put one at Pinkerton Park. **Mr. Orr** stated that they need a company to maintain the units. **Mr. Baggett and Mr. Leonard** stated that free charging stations would drive more business to the area. **Mr. Orr** stated that any recommendations would not go to BOMA, but directly to the City Administrator, **Eric Stuckey**. **Ms. Kose** asked who would be interested in working with **Mr. Orr**. **Mr. Leonard** and **Mr. Montgomery** volunteered. **Mr. Orr** stated that the Factory has several charging stations.

#### **August Meeting Topics**

**Mr. Orr** stated that the Commission will discuss the following issues: Scooters, EV Charging Stations, and recycling. **Alderman Burger** suggested that Milissa Reiersen and Jack Turner should be invited to the next meeting to discuss creating an educational video for recycling. **Ms. Kose** stated that they should discuss the City of Franklin Parks. **Mr. Leonard** asked about the future City Hall. **Mr. Orr** stated there is a consultant looking into it. **Alderman Burger** stated there needs to be a public/private partnership for the new City Hall. She stated she would be talking with **Eric Stuckey**. **Ms. Kose** stated she could help introduce companies who can help with this. **Mr. Leonard** suggested an RFP.

#### **Other News/Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 am.