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## Sustainability Commission

January 10, 2020

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 November Meeting Minutes</b>	Dana Kose
8:05 am – 8:10 am	<b>Announcements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Zoning Ordinance Adoption</li><li>• Scooter Update</li><li>• Drive Electric Experience</li></ul>	Andrew Orr
8:10 am – 8:15 am	<b>Elect Chair and Vice Chair</b>	Dana Kose
8:15 am – 8:45 am	<b>*Blue Bin Recycling Marketing/Outreach</b>	Milissa Reiersen Nate Ridley
8:45 am – 8:55 am	<b>2020 Work Plan/Adjourn</b>	Dana Kose

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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)  
Mike Cassity (1/14/2023)  
Beverly Burger (BOMA co-terminus)  
Patrick Baggett (Franklin Tomorrow co-terminus)  
Mike Leonard (2/26/2022)

Todd Palmer (8/27/2022)  
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**

**November 1, 2019**

The Franklin Sustainability Commission held a regular meeting on Friday, November 1, 2019, at 8:00 a.m., in the Community Development Conference Room.

**Members Present:** Chair Dana Kose, Will Dodson, Mike Leonard, Micah Wood, Nancy Whittemore, Patrick Baggett, Brenton Montgomery and Todd Palmer

**Members Absent:** Alderman Beverly Burger

**Planning Staff Present:** Andrew Orr, Emily Hunter, Elaine Ellis, Eric Conner

**Visitors:** Mike Cassity

**Welcome/Introductions**

**Ms. Kose** called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**Mr. Wood** moved, seconded by **Mr. Dodson**, to approve the minutes from October 4, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements**

**Municipal Election Results**

**Mr. Orr** stated that **Mayor Moore, Alderman Petersen, Alderman Barnhill, and Alderman Blanton** were all re-elected. Also, the referendum to annex 26 properties passed.

**Zoning Ordinance Update**

**Mr. Orr** stated that the proposed Zoning Ordinance went before the Planning Commission on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the new Zoning Ordinance to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA). It will now be presented at the November 12<sup>th</sup> BOMA meeting for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and a Public Hearing. There is a Second Reading and Public Hearing on November 26<sup>th</sup>. The third and final reading will be on December 10<sup>th</sup>. If approved by BOMA, it would become effective at the end of December.

**LED Interstate Lights**

**Mr. Orr** stated that the Streets Department ordered 105 new LED lights. These will be installed along I-65. So far, they have installed 80 of the lights.

Installation will be on Sundays. The lights are maintained by the City of Franklin.

#### Cool Springs Mountain Bike Trails

**Mr. Orr** stated that Outdoor Encounter is a non-profit that is heading up the project. The new trails are located behind the Columbia State Community College and apartment complex off of Liberty Pike. This is the first installment of a larger system. Outdoor Encounter is also working with the County to add mountain bike trails near the park at Wilkin's Branch Road in Leipers Fork.

#### Scooter Update

**Holland Schellhouse**, the City Fellow, will speak to the Aldermen at the BOMA Worksession on November 12th. She will update the Alderman about the discussions and findings she has had with the Sustainability Commission and other departments. **Mr. Orr** stated that the City of Brentwood had banned scooters. **Ms. Kose** stated that it seems scooters are becoming less popular. **Mr. Conner** stated that the scooter companies are staying in the markets that they are currently in and not expanding.

#### December Breakfast

The Holiday Breakfast will be held on December 6, 2019 at 7:30 am at Ruby Sunshine. **Mr. Baggett** stated that it is also the day for the City Christmas Tree Lighting.

#### Tennessee Chapter of the American Planning Association Conference

**Mr. Orr** stated that Franklin hosted the statewide TAPA Conference in October. **Mr. Orr** and **Mr. Wood** worked together to help coordinate the conference. Over 300 people attended the event.

#### Drive Electric EV Experience

**Mr. Orr** stated that **Mr. Palmer** brought this initiative to his attention. He also received emails from TDEC. The company brings electric cars to a business for people to drive and experience. They also give a presentation. **Ms. Whittemore** stated that Nashville had conducted two events in the past two years at the Fulton Campus for City of Nashville employees. **Mr. Orr** stated he thought the area outside the training room would be a good place for the cars. **Mr. Leonard** stated that maybe they should combine the event with Cars and Coffee in front of the Thoroughbred Cinema in Cool Springs. **Mr. Orr** stated that City employees would be the audience. **Mr. Palmer** stated that the event for Middle Tennessee Electric was very successful and people from all county offices attended. He stated that there are many different types of cars, including sports and luxury cars. **Ms. Kose** stated she thought it was a good idea to do an event for the public and asked who carried the insurance for the event. **Mr. Leonard** stated that they should try to have an event for three cities: Brentwood, Franklin, and Spring Hill. He stated this would help people to think of electric vehicles as a commuter vehicle. **Mr. Palmer** stated this would be a good

opportunity for media coverage. **Mr. Orr** stated that he would get in touch with the company, and **Ms. Kose** stated that this should be added to the priorities list for 2020.

### **Enexor**

**Mr. Orr** stated that **Jamie Hartman** would speak at the January meeting. **Mr. Hartman** works for a company, Enexor, which takes clean waste and converts it to energy on a commercial scale. **Ms. Kose** stated this would be a good field trip in May.

### **2020 Work Plan**

**Mr. Orr** proposed the following schedule:

#### **Franklin Sustainability Commission Proposed 2020 Activities:**

**January 10, 2020:** Planning Meeting/kickoff for the year/elect chair and vice chair/Enexor BioEnergy/Recycling Update

**February 7, 2020:** Bin Franklin Recycling Update/Walkability Update

**March 6, 2020:** Upcoming Parks Projects and Connectivity

**April 3, 2020:** Outreach activities related to Earth Day

**May 1, 2020:** Field Trip or social activity

**June 5, 2020:** Invite Urban Green Lab and/or TDEC

**July:** Off

**August 7, 2020:**

**September 4, 2020:** Conduct Litter Survey

**October 2, 2020:**

**November 6, 2020:**

**December 4, 2020:** Holiday Breakfast

Other ideas:

Renewable Energy Storage, EV Charging, LED lighting expert, Cardboard recycling, Outreach, Any budget requests

The following discussion ensued:

- Recycling should be on the topic list with the launch of the recycling bins.
- The City is no longer providing recycling service to multi-family communities (Commercial).

- The Commission should make recommendations to BOMA to set policies to solve problems.
- Festivals are an opportunity to do a waste audit.
- Pick two main issues for 2020: Recycling and Electric Vehicles.
- Recycling for businesses should be further discussed.
- Increase recycling education, especially with HOA's, instead of creating more regulations for developers through an ordinance. Needs to be "pull-through" demand.
- Set aside time during each meeting to solve issues and set goals.
- For topics, research ordinances from other cities (for example, 3 cities).
- The City is heading toward single family recycling service. Some Downtown Franklin businesses are serviced.
- Have someone from SES come to speak about recycling issues, including hauling issues and private sector recycling providers.
- Recycling may not be profitable for private waste management companies. Some are only recycling cardboard.
- Enexor is looking for clean waste recyclables. Could this company partner with multi-family developments?
- For January 2020 meeting, have the following speakers: SES, Enexor, Waste Management
- Sanitation is going to Clarksville's landfill due to cost. Suggested having someone speak about this.
- By the end of the first quarter 2020, the Commission should make a recommendation to BOMA. In February, invite a representative from Waste Management to come speak to the Commission.
- Suggested that it was not necessary to have speakers, could email people for their comments. For example:
  - What is keeping you (the private company) from doing more recycling business in the City of Franklin?
  - Is there a specific City regulation or ordinance inhibiting your ability to obtain more recycling customers?
  - What could be done, at a minimal cost from the City, to help increase recycling awareness?
- Set a deadline to create an email thread for list of questions to give to **Mr. Orr** for January 2020 discussion.
- Before sending any emails, **Mr. Orr** should ask the SES Department where they are at on issues, what are stumbling blocks, and how the Commission can help them. Don't want to overstep or reinvent what SES may have already done.
- Public EV Ride and Drive should be held on Earth Day (Second Quarter).

### **Other News/Adjourn**

**Mr. Orr** stated that it was **Mr. Dodson's** last meeting. **Mr. Dodson** stated he could be a conduit from the State or Federal side. He stated he would like to attend the Enexor field trip. He also stated that he was very proud of the LEED Certification.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 am.