



**August 13, 2021**

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

**Franklin City Hall Training Room**

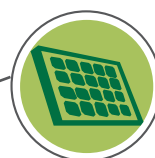
8:00 am	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Dana Kose
8:05 am	<b>*Approval of June Meeting Minutes</b>	Dana Kose
8:05 am -- 8:10 am	<b>Announcements</b> -Early Voting October 6-21; Election Day Is October 26th -Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Update -Energy Policy Guide Update	Andrew Orr
8:10 am -- 8:55 am	<b>Glass Recycling Discussion</b>	Neil Whitney Ellen Peterson
8:55 am -- 9:00 am	<b>News/Updates/Adjourn</b>	Dana Kose

\*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)	Todd Palmer (8/27/2022)
Mike Cassity (11/10/2024)	Dana Kose (12/10/2022)
Beverly Burger (BOMA co-terminus)	Fred Daniell (10/23/2021)
Patrick Baggett (Franklin Tomorrow co-terminus)	Micah Wood (10/23/2021)
R. Keith Gordon (3/23/2024)	

*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 11 , 2021

Members Present: **Chair Dana Kose, Alderman Beverly Burger, Micah Wood, Todd Palmer, Patrick Baggett, Keith Gordon and Fred Daniell**

Members Absent: **Brenton Montgomery and Mike Cassity**

Staff Present: **Andrew Orr, Eric Conner, Emily Wright**

The Franklin Sustainability Commission held a regular meeting on Friday, June 11, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. in the Franklin City Hall Boardroom.

## Welcome and Introductions

**Chair Kose** welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## Approval of the Minutes

**Chair Kose** asked for a motion to approve the April 2021 minutes.

**Mr. Palmer** moved, seconded by **Mr. Wood**, to approve the April 2021 minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

## Consideration of Resolution 2021-81 (Recommendation to BOMA)

Resolution 2021-81 is a resolution to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) for the Energy Guide. **Chair Kose** stated that the Commission needed to vote in order to recommend the resolution to the BOMA. BOMA's vote would be to endorse the resolution. Chair Kose asked for any discussion.

**Mr. Baggett** asked about Item 8. He asked if this was adopted for residential use. **Chair Kose** stated that it was there for commercial, not residential at this time. She stated that they adopted the International Residential Code but, from an energy perspective, it was from 2009.

**Mr. Orr** stated that they modified the action item related to electric vehicles. He stated that Item 6 was broadened to look at electric vehicle readiness across the community.

**Alderman Burger** asked developers if they were installing electric car outlets for new builds. They are not, at this time, unless it is requested by the homeowner. Some builders stated that they are now asking up front if the owner would like these outlets before the home is built. She asked the developers to call her if they start receiving requests.

**Alderman Burger** asked, commercially, are they putting in more electric charging stations.

**Mr. Gordon** stated that the number of stations is based off a calculation.



**Mr. Orr** stated that TVA may be offering incentives to builders to pre-wire homes for electric vehicles.

**Mr. Wood** stated that they thought this demand would increase within the next year.

**Mr. Palmer** stated that MTEMC has an analysis group that seeks to develop incentives.

**Chair Kose** stated that the builders may want to receive the City's information that the community is going toward electric vehicles.

**Alderman Burger** asked about the cost for the outlets for community. She asked about the actual cost to charge an electric vehicle. **Mr. Palmer** stated that he would research the information.

**Mr. Gordon** shared some of the cost details associated with charging electric vehicles.

A discussion ensued concerning the infrastructure tax on gasoline and how electric cars relate to this.

**Mr. Baggett** asked if Dark Sky Lighting could be added and which items were considered the most important.

**Mr. Orr** stated that the items were numbered for clarity, not by recommendation.

**Alderman Burger** stated that building the New City Hall would be an important topic. She stated that it was important to look toward future technologies.

**Mr. Baggett** stated that they should discuss listing the order of the items by recommendation.

**Mr. Wood** asked if there was a Zoning Ordinance update for Dark Sky Lighting. **Mr. Baggett** stated that there was discussion to add this as a recommendation.

**Chair Kose** stated that the Dark Sky Lighting should be kept out of the policy, but keep it in mind during the next few months. She suggested putting the items in order of importance.

A discussion ensued about the order of importance for the items on the Energy Guide.

**Alderman Burger** suggested that they should bring the guide back to Worksession, after the vote, and let the Aldermen rate the items individually. She stated that they should then discuss why each item is important. She referred to the new golf training facility at Cheekwood using Dark Sky Lighting. They discussed LED vs. Dark Sky Lighting in relation to sports lighting. She stated that a priority should be what type of lighting is used for sporting areas that are near neighborhoods. **Mr. Orr** asked if they should email the Aldermen to rank the items. **Alderman Burger** stated that a presentation should be made in-person to explain the items and make recommendations.

**Mr. Baggett** and **Chair Kose** stated that Dark Sky Lighting should be considered for Items 1 and 7.



**Mr. Baggett** moved, seconded by **Alderman Burger**, to amend Items 1 and 7 to include the following verbiage: **“to prioritize fixtures that reduce light pollution”**.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Walk Friendly Results and Discussion**

**Mr. Eric Conner**, Principal Planner, stated that they received the Walk Friendly results. He stated that 3 of the 5 categories rated “Needs Attention”. Two of the five categories rated “On the Right Track”. The City actually rated better in 2010 when 4 of the 5 categories rated “On the Right Track”. He stated that the City does not track automobile accident information involving pedestrians. Also, the City does not have a safety information or youth programs, such as “walk or ride to school”. He stated that the City does not have many benchmarks for the required information. Also, the City does not have post project surveys. **Mr. Conner** stated that they could add a survey to the citizen surveys. He stated that Walk Friendly compared Franklin to cities that were not comparable. **Mr. Orr** stated that the lack of youth engagement was a part of the lower rating. **Ms. Emily Wright**, Director Planning and Sustainability, stated that there was a plan to add a Long Range Planner who would concentrate on transportation: bike, ped and transit.

**Mr. Baggett** stated that Franklin Tomorrow could recruit volunteers to help with the education and creation of youth programs. **Mr. Orr** stated that this would also be a part of the job description for the Long Range Planner. **Ms. Wright** stated that this could be a great partnership. **Mr. Baggett** mentioned that Friends of Franklin Parks has a Trails and Walkability Committee. **Chair Kose** stated that the schools needed to be involved.

**Alderman Burger** stated that recently a 13 year- old girl, who was walking, was almost hit at one of the roundabouts in McKay’s Mill by a car. She stated that many more people are walking since COVID. She stated that drivers do not stop for pedestrians, especially at crosswalks. She stated that people need to be fined. She stated that there is a need for driver education concerning pedestrians. She asked what the other cities were doing to be successful.

**Mr. Conner** stated that he did not recommend continuing with the program due to the staff hours and cost it would take to achieve. However, it was agreed that this information should be shared with BOMA to show that the rating had decreased.

**Ms. Wright** stated that it is important to get the Policy Guide information distributed to the Aldermen and other areas.

**Alderman Burger** stated that they are designing a state-of-the-art roundabout at Liberty Pike and Mallory Lane.

#### **Announcements/Other News**

**Chair Kose** stated that the next meeting will be **August 13, 2021 at 8 am in the Training Room**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 am.

