



City of Maplewood

7601 Manchester Road - Maplewood, Missouri 63143

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2019 - 6:00 P.M.

- 1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.
- 2) Roll Call: Ralph Bicknese, Nick Frisella, Eleanor Pardini, Nancy Schick and Jonathan Spencer. Staff present: Brian Herr.
- 3) Approval of meeting minutes from March 5, 2019: Jonathan Spencer motioned to approve, seconded by Nick Frisella and all were in favor.
- 4) Public Comment: Kate Nevins, a Maplewood resident was present
- 5) New Business: Ralph Bicknese noted that he had a discussion with Mayor Greenberg regarding providing City Council with an update of what the Sustainability Commission has accomplished and what the future goals would be for the near future. Ralph mentioned that the Commission should reserve a slot on a future Council meeting agenda. Eleanor suggested sending City Manager Corcoran a request to get on an upcoming agenda.

Nick Frisella mentioned that the 2019 Green Cities Challenge is currently in process and that he had participated in April 2015. Nick indicated that Jean Ponzi is the coordinator for the challenge and encouraged the city to participate. The city would need to commit a staff member and a participation fee. Jonathan noted that a few of this year's goals would be to develop a "Green Team", a sustainability policy, a no vehicle idling policy, a smoke-free environment and a green purchasing policy along with a few other topics.

- 6) Old Business: Nancy Schick mentioned a talk about the mosquito problem and a candidate running for city council. Ralph mentioned the environmental concerns with the chemical treatments. Eleanor indicated that the vector control spraying has not been very effective. Nancy suggested bat houses are simple to make and could offer plans or have the Boy Scouts construct houses. The Commission discussed several suggestions.

Jonathan asked about proposition S, an MSD provision to tax impervious surfaces and porous concrete and asphalt products. He asked if the city would permit the construction of a new driveway out of the two pervious products. Staff member Herr noted that both pervious asphalt and concrete would be acceptable driveway surfaces under the current city ordinance.

- 7) Adjournment: Eleanor Pardini made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Nancy Schick and all were in favor.