



## City of Maplewood

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7601 Manchester Road - Maplewood, Missouri 63143

### SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2019 - 6:00 P.M.

- 1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Roll Call: Ralph Bicknese, Nancy Schick, Heidi Schoen, Jonathan Spencer and Andrew Wilson. Staff present: Brian Herr.
- 3) Approval of meeting minutes from May 7, 2019: Andrew Wilson motioned to approve, seconded by Jonathan Spencer and all were in favor.
- 4) Public Comment: Bruce Morrison and M.K. Vereen from the Great Rivers Law Center spoke about some resources that his law firm provides. Mr. Morrison is also a Maplewood resident. He discussed some legislation that St. Louis County adopted regarding county parks.
- 5) New Business: Jonathan Spencer discussed the green purchasing procedure that has been recently spoken about at the Commission meetings. Mr. Morrison mentioned that he may have an intern that could draft a model procedure. Ralph Bicknese indicated that there are several model procedures available through the LEED building programs that could be used as a starting point to develop something to present to City Council. Ralph made a motion to request Great Rivers Law Center to develop a green purchasing procedure. Nancy Schick seconded the motion and all approved.
- 6) Ralph Bicknese mentioned that the Mayor requested an update from the Commission. Ralph made a motion to present to City Council an updated list of accomplishments and goals. Nancy Schick seconded the motion and all approved.
- 7) Ralph Bicknese suggested appointing a chairperson for the Commission. Ralph made a motion to appoint Jonathan Spencer as the chairperson of the Sustainability Commission. Nancy Schick seconded the motion and all approved.
- 8) Heidi Schoen spoke about the Grow Solar St. Louis program. The program focuses on making the cost of solar installations more affordable. Heidi described the programs and the incentives available. Ralph mentioned the process and applications for the program. Heidi discussed some of the problems with the difficulties with the restricted time lines and permitting. Ralph suggested bringing the City of Maplewood into the program and the plan of action to implement a Maplewood involvement with the Grow Solar St. Louis program. Andrew asked if there was some information that the Grow Solar St. Louis program had to provide/present to the city staff. Andrew made a motion to provide the city with the Grow Solar St. Louis program information. Nancy Schick seconded the motion and all approved.
- 9) Adjournment: Andrew Wilson made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Nancy Schick and all were in favor.