



SHAKER HEIGHTS

**Sustainability Committee Agenda
Via Zoom Due to COVID-19
Public Health Emergency
Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.**

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1. Approval of the March 11, 2021 meeting minutes.

Documents:

[SUSTAINABILITY MIN 031121.PDF](#)

2. Presentation by Laura Marks and Bill Hanavan of The Heights Tree People.
3. Review of Existing Roadmap/Objectives.
 - A. Subcommittees - Update on Progress
 - i. Stormwater and Greenspace (Carmen Franks)
 - ii. Renewable Energy (Norman Robbins)
 - iii. High School Advisory Group (Julianne Potter)
 - B. City Alternative Fuel Vehicle Update
4. Update on LEED for Cities.
5. Old Business/New Business.

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**Sustainability Committee Minutes
Thursday, March 11, 2021
8:00 A.M.
Via Zoom Conference**

Members Present: Anne Williams, Committee Chair, Council Member
Carmen Franks, Citizen Member
Sean P. Malone, Council Member
Nancy Moore, Council Member
Julianne Potter, Citizen Member
Norman Robbins, Citizen Member

Others Present: David Weiss, Mayor
Jeri Chaikin, Chief Administrative Officer
Michael Peters, Sustainability Coordinator
Kara O'Donnell, Principal Planner
Cameron Roberts, Planner
John Barber, Friends of Lower Lake
Barbara Bradley, League of Women Voters

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Anne Williams at 8:02 A.M.

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Approval of the February 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Nancy Moore and seconded by Norman Robbins that the minutes of the February 11, 2021 meeting be approved as recorded; unanimously passed.

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Planning for 2021

The Committee was asked to consider what priorities should be a focus for 2021 and the discussion included (in no particular order):

- Stormwater Code Revisions (waiting on additional info expected in April)
- Pursuing grants for sustainability pilots, both public and private
- Considering other certification programs to build off of LEED for Cities
- Focusing on the social aspects of sustainability such as DEI, affordable housing, resiliency, and mobility
- The Renewable Energy Subcommittee will continue pursuing goals around increasing solar energy production and reducing overall energy use
- The Student Group will focus on resident engagement and is planning an Earth Day eco challenge

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- The Stormwater & Green Space Subcommittee will focus on the stormwater code updates, education and awareness through the website and other means, helping to bring the certified habitat yard program to residents, and its “growing not mowing” initiative; it was suggested that wildflowers could be incorporated into these programs to also enhance the natural beauty of the non-mowed areas
- The Tree Advisory Board is working on increasing the tree canopy along with the Heights Tree People and Holden Forests and Gardens’ People for Trees program
- Continue to pursue solar on City buildings
- Encourage micromobility programs; Assist Planning with efforts to bring electric scooters and other forms of mobility to the City
- Consider ways to incorporate sustainability into the built environment – zoning codes, developer agreements, RFPs – for green updates, complete streets, etc.
- Continue to install motion sensors for lights and other energy saving controls into City buildings as they are updated
- Pursue a transition to LED streetlights
- Encourage the adoption of electric (vs. gas/two-stroke combustion) landscaping equipment
- Encourage NEORS to include tree and bush planting as eligible activities for the stormwater credit

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Recap of 2020 Composting Efforts

The City’s residents, businesses, and staff embraced composting in 2020, diverting over 135,000 pounds of food waste. The largest contributors were the public drop-off sites at The Nature Center and The Dealership (105,449 pounds), the residential pick-up program (19,982 pounds), three commercial clients (3-19 Coffee, Shaker Courts, and St. Dominic’s at 8,036 pounds), and City facilities (Shaker High School, Fire Stations 1 & 2, and City Hall at 1,573 pounds).

Given continued marketing efforts and changes in patterns as the pandemic restrictions are lifted, the expectation for 2021 is to surpass these amounts.

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Subcommittee Updates

Subcommittee updates were predominantly covered in the 2021 brainstorming session above

- Stormwater & Greenspace (Carmen Franks)
- Renewable Energy (Norman Robbins)
- High School Advisory Group (Julianne Potter)

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Update on Alternative Fuel Vehicles

The City took possession of its first electric vehicle earlier in the week, replacing a 17-year old vehicle and reducing greenhouse gas emissions by an estimated two tons per year. The City logo will be added shortly.

The chargers at Thornton Park should be completed within a week and then Larchmere will begin. City Hall and The Dealership are operational (and have already had about a half dozen users).

The City will host an event in April for Drive Electric Earth Day (Saturday, April 17th), a national event that will bring additional awareness to the City's efforts around EV adoption.

The City will also be the host for the kick-off of the 5-day statewide Green Energy Ohio EV Tour on June 7th. More details to follow.

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Update on LEED for Cities

The application for certification was submitted for final review. The certification level is expected to be announced sometime in April.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 A.M. The next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2021 at 8:00am.

Michael Peters
Sustainability Coordinator