



**Sustainability Committee Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 12, 2019**  
**7:30 A.M.**  
**City Hall Conference Room B**

Members Present: Julianna Johnston Senturia, Committee Chair, Council Member  
Sean P. Malone, Council Member  
Julianne Potter, Citizen Member  
Norman Robbins, Citizen Member  
Anne Williams, Council Member

Others Present: David Weiss, Mayor  
Michael Peters, Sustainability Coordinator  
Joyce Braverman, Planning Director  
Cameron Roberts, Planner  
Will Piper, Lime Scooters  
Resident Peter Chengelis  
One local student

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Julianna Johnston Senturia at 7:38 A.M. (the delayed start was due to a scooter demonstration in the City Hall parking lot prior to the meeting). Committee member Carmen Franks joined by telephone.

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**Approval of the August 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

It was moved by Anne Williams and seconded by Sean Malone that the minutes of the August 15, 2019 meeting be approved as recorded.

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**Presentation/Q&A with Planning Department and Lime Scooters**

[Prior to the meeting Lime Scooter representative Will Piper brought two Lime electric scooters to the City Hall parking lot for demonstration rides.]

Planning Director Joyce Braverman and Planner Cameron Roberts provided an update on the current state of the electric scooter rollout in Cuyahoga County. The County conducted an RFP for scooter vendors and the City signed on as an interested party. Planner Roberts was on the vendor selection committee. The City must now review its ordinances regarding where scooters can be ridden and the helmet law, which will take some time to revise. The City is coordinating with Cleveland Heights and University Heights in order to agree on similar rules among the jurisdictions. These communities are in a

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similar position. Euclid may be ahead of us and Lakewood has a public survey, which the City may also do in conjunction with Cleveland Heights and University Heights.

Planner Roberts provided a summary history of the process. The County received seven applications for vendor licenses in total, which was viewed positively, and four were selected for an initial pilot period of six months. Those vendors are Lime, Bird, Spin, and VeoRide. Bird will have ebikes in addition to scooters. Initial deployment in Cleveland was roughly three weeks ago. Lime expects to have 300 scooters deployed starting tomorrow. Each vendor can have up to 400 devices per permit, with 150 of those located outside the City of Cleveland. Eventually there could be 750 devices outside the City of Cleveland among the five licenses. The City is reviewing the City of Cleveland ordinances and the draft ordinance from Lakewood.

The City also needs to determine “rebalancing locations” where the devices would be redeployed after being collected and recharged. The City of Cleveland has simply marked these locations with simple white lines for the pilot period. The devices can be operated from 7am until 7pm.

The current ordinances do not address scooters, only bicycles, and where they are permitted to ride. Currently no one has helmet rules for scooters, this is being discussed.

The representative from Lime described pricing: \$1 to unlock then \$0.15 per minute. Credit can be added to your account. Riders who qualify for government aid programs qualify for half off fares. Rides can be paused, but the charges continue to accrue until the ride is ended – either at a rebalancing location (where the rider receives an incentive) or anywhere within a designated area. Users that return to a preferred parking location are entered into a daily pool and winners receive ride credits. Users are required to take a picture of the scooter at the end of the ride.

Typically in cities, the Lime rep reported, they determine rebalancing locations; however, the City of Cleveland has determined themselves where these locations are. They are happy to share this info with the City.

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## **Review of Sustainability Committee Roadmap & Objectives**

Subcommittees updates:

- Stormwater Management (Carmen Franks)
  - Scheduling subcommittee meeting for following week
- Renewable Energy (Norman Robbins)
  - Have been attending block parties (about 30 so far) and the reception has been very positive; waiting on report of how many have signed up
  - There have been several questions at the block parties about solar including a few who are planning to add them
  - Shaker Life contemplating a story in the future on solar
- High School Advisory Group (Julianne Potter)
  - Met with Hathaway Brown sustainability director to coordinate outreach to other local private high schools; request for contact at Shaker Heights High School (subsequently done with Principal Juli)

- LEED for Cities (Anne Williams)
  - Meeting with Planning today at 1pm and received feedback from Public Works
- Recycling (TBD)
  - Outreach from resident interested in this subcommittee

City’s electricity contracts, which are coming due in 2020, were bid and will result in a savings and will be 100% renewable (green-e RECs are part of the contract).

Seven City buildings are being audited (ASHRAE Level 2) under the Greater Cleveland Partnership/COSE program at no cost to the city. This is separate from a potential streetlight audit.

Had a call with potential vendor, City technician, and representative from Police (quickest ROI) to do a pilot on one vehicle. Reached out to Beachwood regarding participation in an EV study along with University Heights; awaiting response.

Green Team is meeting later today to refine recommendations and draft a memo to the Management Team. Fire Station #1 piloting a composting program and City Hall will start a pilot on September 23rd to reduce K-cup waste.

Solar program through the County is being reviewed; a DOE technical assistance program called SolSmart is being considered by Planning to improve adoption of solar in the City.

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**Other Activities**

The City is participating in National Drive Electric Week and collaborating with Parks & Recreation to display a dozen electric vehicles as part of the City’s annual “Touch a Truck” event on Saturday, September 14th.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 A.M. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 7:30 A.M.

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Michael Peters  
Sustainability Coordinator