
Minutes of the meeting of the **Natural Resources and Sustainability Stewardship Advisory Committee** held Thursday, March 28th, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in-person at the city offices and via electronic web conferencing in accordance with Utah Code 52-4-202.

Members Present: Daniel Bedford Jonathan Melton
Tara Saley Stephanie Vaughn
Taylor Lee

Members Absent: Erika McDonald

Ex-Officio: Lorenzo Long Steve Burton

Guests/Public: Jeremy Shinoda

Recording Link: Will be posted here with minutes:

<https://www.ogdencity.com/AgendaCenter/Natural-Resources-Sustainability-and-Ste-30>

CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME / ROLL CALL

- Dan called the meeting to order. Lorenzo called the roll.
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APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Stephanie made a motion to approve the February 22nd, 2024 meeting minutes. Tara seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- The committee discussed the upcoming Earth Day event at the Ogden Nature Center. Dan and Jonathan said they would be available.
 - The committee discussed doing a recycling table at some of the Ogden Twilight Concerts this summer, as well as at least one Ogden Farmers Market event.
 - The committee committed to do the following events:
 - Weber Basin Water Garden Fair: June 1st
 - Ogden Farmers Market: September 7th
 - Twilight Concert Series: Dates TBD
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INTERMOUNTAIN SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT DEBRIEF

- Dan, Lorenzo, Tara, and Steve discussed some of what they thought was interesting at the Intermountain Sustainability Summit, including Jeff Speck's keynote address on walkable cities, agricultural usage of water, sustainable accessory dwelling units, Wasatch Front Regional Council's Access to Opportunity Calculator, the "post-growth" workshop,

- Dan and Tara tabled during the Eco Expo portions of the Summit
 - Dan mentioned that he learned that most cities need grant writers, and that it could be worth exploring whether Weber State University and Ogden City could partner on a student grant writing internship.
 - Lorenzo mentioned that he received next year's summit date from Weber State, and is adding it to many Ogden City staff calendars.
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DRAFT LETTER TO MAYOR NADOLSKI

- The committee reviewed the draft letter to Mayor Nadolski. Jonathan brought up the survey data referenced in the letter and said that he suggests caution on some of the language due to social desirability bias. The language in the letter was changed due to the feedback.
 - Jonathan made a motion to authorize Dan to send the letter to the Mayor in a substantially similar form. Tara seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
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SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Energy Wise Subcommittee
 - Lorenzo gave a summary of the Energy Wise Business Roundtable. He said that the attendance was small, but meaningful connections were made between those businesses and some of the available energy incentive programs. Ogden Business Development is writing an article about the event which will be sent out to businesses and other channels of communication.
 - There will be another roundtable, but this time virtual, some time in the summer.
 - Dan asked about the data for the Thermwise and Wattsmart programs. Lorenzo said that he does a data request each year and will share the data when available.
 - EV Charging/Parking Subcommittee
 - Jonathan asked if Barton had provided any feedback on the draft report. Lorenzo said that he had not received feedback yet, but would pass it on when he receives it.
 - Lorenzo mentioned that he is planning a ribbon cutting for the first EV charging stations in the Municipal Building parking lot, and any committee members are welcome to attend.
 - Recycling Subcommittee
 - Stephanie will be talking to Momentum Recycling about event recycling and composting to see if it will be possible to have them provide those services at the Twilight Concert Series.
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HOMEGROWN NATIONAL PARK

- Dan shared a website for a concept called Homegrown National Park. The idea is to convert some of your yard to native species. More information can be found at <https://homegrownnationalpark.org/>
 - Stephanie mentioned the Utah Pollinator Habitat Initiative, which provides native plants to homeowners in Utah for pollinator habitats. They'll do an audit of your yard as well.
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

- N/A
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OPEN DISCUSSION

- N/A
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DELIVERABLES BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING

- Email committee about Earth Day event – Lorenzo
 - Send Homegrown National Park Information - Dan
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ADJOURNMENT

- With no further business, Tara made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jonathan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Dan adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting- April 25th, 2024, at 4:00 pm in-person at the city offices and via Zoom. The meeting schedule will be every month.

Zoom Meeting

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APPROVAL SIGNATURES


[Lorenzo Long \(Jun 7, 2024 08:23 MDT\)](#)
Lorenzo Long
Ogden City Sustainability Coordinator


[Dan Bedford \(Jun 8, 2024 12:10 MDT\)](#)
Dan Bedford
NRSSC Chair

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