
Minutes of the meeting of the **Sustainability Committee** held Thursday, January 23rd, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in-person at the city offices in accordance with Utah Code 52-4-202.

Members Present:

Stephanie Vaughn
Tara Saley
Jonathan Melton
Lena Morgan

Julie Casey
Dan Bedford
Julez Garcia

Members Absent:

Kaiya Clark
Taylor Lee

Erika McDonald
Derek Martinez-Lopez

Ex-Officio:

Lorenzo Long

Steve Burton

Guests/Public:

CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME / ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

- Dan called the meeting to order, Lorenzo called the roll.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Tara made a motion to approve the December 19th, 2024 meeting minutes. Jonathan seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Action Items from Previous Meeting

- Find contact information for Recycled Earth– Lorenzo
 - Lorenzo reported that the city wanted to wait until the RFP was finished. Jonathan thought that Councilmember Hyer was wanting the Sustainability Committee to check out the facility to see its capabilities before the city chooses whether or not to switch providers. Lorenzo said that he just needed to make sure that it didn't violate any bidding/purchasing rules
- Touch base with Running Up for Air – Lorenzo
 - Lorenzo said that the race organizers are enthusiastic about figuring out a way for some of the funds to be donated to Ogden City air quality projects.
- Add the food waste link to meeting minutes – Lorenzo
- Send email regarding new subcommittee – Erika

- Jonathan gave a bit of background information on the discussion that happened regarding the new subcommittee. The committee discussed the benefits of having a subcommittee pursuing a specific objective or project vs an ongoing, more general objective.
 - Send info for Confluence 2025 – Stephanie
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CONFLUENCE 2025 REPORT OUT

- Lorenzo said it was a good conference, very similar to last year's conference. He didn't come away with any specific actionable strategies, but there was a lot of good information shared. Ogden City presented about its water conservation strategies.
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AIR QUALITY MONITORS

- Lorenzo recapped the previous meeting's conversation about what the committee could do for an air quality campaign, whether that's an internal or external campaign. He said that the Running Up for Air race was one of the best ways to pursue funds for air quality improvements.
 - Jonathan suggested Purple Air for the monitors so that the data is publicly available, and that perhaps the city could put a widget on the website with the live air quality.
 - The committee discussed ways to disseminate live air quality data through city mediums, such as social media, the website, or a display by a main street.
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REVIEW ANNUAL AND LONG-TERM GOALS

- The committee reviewed the annual goals as well as the long-term goals outlined in the sunset report.
 - The committee discussed water as a focus area moving forward, and the potential creation of a subcommittee. Steve said that he would ask Councilmember White what she would like the committee to focus on in regard to water. This new committee could take the place of the EV Parking and Charging subcommittee.
 - Tara made a motion to "park" the EV Parking and Charging subcommittee, to be replaced by a Scoping subcommittee that would focus on to-be-determined natural resources and water issues. Lena seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - The committee discussed setting a specific goal-setting meeting in April of each year, at an in-person-only meeting.
 - Stephanie talked about the existing recycling goals, including the Twilight Concert Series recycling and business recycling on 25th street. Lena mentioned that OFOAM could provide some tips on their process.
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SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Energy Wise Subcommittee
 - No updates
 - EV Charging/Parking Subcommittee
 - Subcommittee is now "parked"
 - Recycling Subcommittee
 - The subcommittee will be gauging business interest in the sticker design competition.
 - Lorenzo said he talked with the Arts staff about the potential sticker design competition. They provided some tips, including:
 - Provide specific sticker measurements, file format, medium (digital, paper, crayon, etc)
 - A place to accept physical submissions
 - The Arts staff also mentioned that the Ogden Nature Center is doing a poster design competition in April for Earth Day.
 - Jonathan asked about the Ogden Nature Center Earth Day event, and the committee generally seemed to be in favor of tabling again this year.
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- The committee briefly discussed upcoming events, including the Intermountain Sustainability Summit. Two committee members can attend for free.
- Lena mentioned an NRCS event, and sent the information to the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- N/A

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Lorenzo mentioned a water fair that he will be participating in, and he would like ideas for what to do at his table. He will reach out for ideas.
- The committee reviewed and approved, with a few changes, Stephanie's draft letter to Chair Richey regarding public questions about Ogden City's recycling program.
- Dan mentioned the "State of the City Address" coming up. Free food.

DELIVERABLES BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING

- Look into recycling RFP - **Lorenzo**
- Connect with Erika about new subcommittee - **Dan**
- Send contact info for OFOAM and Kim to Tara - **Lena**
- Reach out to Kim - **Tara**
- Reach out to Marsha White about water questions - **Steve**

ADJOURNMENT

- With no further business, Lena made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jonathan seconded. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting- February 27th, 2025, at 4:00 pm in-person at the city offices and via Zoom. The meeting schedule will be every month.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES



Lorenzo Long (Mar 3, 2025 10:35 MST)

Lorenzo Long
Ogden City Sustainability Coordinator

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