
Minutes of the meeting of the **Sustainability Committee** held Thursday, March 27th, 2025, 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:	Dan Bedford Stephanie Vaughn Erika McDonald Derek Martinez-Lopez	Lena Morgan Tara Saley Julie Casey
Members Absent:	Taylor Lee Julez Garcia	Kaiya Clark Jonathan Melton
Ex-Officio:	Lorenzo Long	Steve Burton

Guests/Public:

CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME / ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

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

- Julie made a motion to approve the February 27th, 2025 meeting minutes. Erika seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
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DELIVERABLES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Send email about ISS registration – Lorenzo (DONE)
 - Send Green NG recycling tour information – Lorenzo (DONE)
 - Send PowerPoint to committee – Lorenzo (DONE)
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INTERMOUNTAIN SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT RECAP

- The committee discussed their experiences at the Intermountain Sustainability Summit.
 - Julie shared her experience tabling, noting interest from the public and surprise that Ogden was involved in sustainability.
 - Julie mentioned a conversation with a woman from a sustainability group who suggested meeting with the Salt Lake City sustainability committee. Lena agreed that meeting with other city sustainability committees (like Park City) would be beneficial for building relationships.
 - Dan suggested finding out which other cities had sustainability committees, such as Provo.
 - Tara had a conversation with a project manager from Rocky Mountain Wattsmart who expressed interest in the Energy Wise subcommittee. The committee agreed it would be great to have the Wattsmart representative join a future meeting. Tara volunteered to reach out.
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- Lorenzo reported that about 15 Ogden City staff attended the summit, including himself and Steve.
- The mayor was present and gave opening remarks.
- The city staff reception to the keynote was very positive, and the mayor enjoyed speaking with the keynote speaker, Bill Reed, and they recorded a podcast episode together later that day.
- Lorenzo had dinner with Bill Reed and a few Weber State representatives.
- Dan suggested brainstorming ways to have more level-headed conversations about climate change and potentially setting up meetings.
- Dan mentioned presenting a session on "heat and health" and being invited by folks from Salt Lake County to present at their climate resilience conference on April 29th.

RUNNING UP FOR AIR COLLABORATION UPDATE

- Lorenzo provided an update on the race and said the event went well. He gave a small speech about Ogden City's sustainability efforts and plans for the raised funds before each of the multiple race start times.
- Ogden City received periodic deposits of the raised funds, with one more expected in the coming weeks.
- The plan for the funds is to install air quality monitors across Ogden to gather quantitative data.
- Depending on funding, a Weber State student could be hired to help with the project and other sustainability initiatives.
- Dan suggested making air sensor discussion an agenda item for the April meeting, as the funding amount would be clearer. He shared his initial thoughts on instruments, leaning towards Tellus over Purple Air due to the ability to measure more pollutants relevant to summer (ozone, PM10) in addition to PM2.5, acknowledging a potential trade-off with the number of sensors.
- Lorenzo shared an idea about a new building in Salt Lake that changed the color of its rooftop LEDs based on real-time air quality data, wondering if a similar concept could be implemented on the Ogden municipal building.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Subcommittee Quorum Rules Reminder
 - Lorenzo reminded subcommittee chairs that if a subcommittee meeting has a quorum of the overall committee (six or more members), it is considered an official meeting and requires a publicly posted agenda (like the main committee meetings) and should have meeting minutes.
- Energy Wise Subcommittee
 - The subcommittee will reorganize a Google sheet of available federal, state, and local energy programs. They plan to call each program to verify its current status and then reorganize the sheet by sector (residential, business, etc.) for easier navigation.
 - They need an editable copy of the Google sheet from Lorenzo.
 - Julie asked Lorenzo for the written report on the business round table for the subcommittee's information.
- Recycling Subcommittee
 - Tara spoke with Shauna from the Ogden Friends of Acoustic Music (OFOAM) about their volunteer-based recycling program. They use bins, bag the recyclable material, and hand-sort into a large recycling dumpster, reusing bags. They transport the recycling with a bicycle-pulled wagon.
 - Tara asked Lorenzo for an update on getting a dumpster near the Twilight site.
 - Tara might be able to get a donation of several (potentially 30) slim, transportable recycle bins. Stephanie and Tara discussed collecting recyclables in these bins throughout Twilight and then dumping them directly into a dumpster, avoiding the need for bags. These bins can be stacked and might have lids with the hole in the top.
 - The committee discussed logistics about the bins, including size of the bins (approx. 3ft high x 1ft wide), potential for nesting, need for lids, and the physical effort of emptying full bins into a dumpster.

- Possibility of Pepsi providing recycling containers was discussed.
- The recycling subcommittee is moving forward with a business survey drafted by Stephanie to send to businesses on 25th Street to assess their current recycling practices and interest in a program. The survey will be sent to the subcommittee for review before being distributed.
- The committee discussed the tour of the new Ogden Transfer Station (3027 Midland Drive) that was scheduled for the next day at 3:00 PM. Lena volunteered to look into arranging a tour of the Wasatch Integrated recycling facility.
- Water/Natural Resources Subcommittee Creation
 - Erica sent an email regarding the creation of this subcommittee. Given the funding and research potential for air quality initiatives, she suggests focusing on air first with a short, focused campaign, then moving to water (aligning with a City Council request). An organizational meeting will be scheduled this month with interested members (Tara, Jonathan, Julie, Erica, and Dan).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- N/A

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Dan shared information about the "Climate and Health Symposium: Climate Resilience Successes" on April 29th in West Jordan. Registration is free. He suggested it could be interesting for committee members to attend, given the committee's long-term goal of climate resilience.
- Lorenzo proposed creating t-shirts for committee members to wear when volunteering at events like the Twilight concert. The shirts would likely feature the Ogden Sustainability Committee logo. Reusing existing personal shirts with a printed logo was also suggested as a potentially sustainable and cost-effective option.
- Lorenzo mentioned a ribbon-cutting event for the new Union Station fast electric vehicle (EV) charging stations on April 23rd at 10:00 AM. There are eight stations, a partnership between Ogden City, Rocky Mountain Power, and Electrify America.

DELIVERABLES BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING

- Find out which cities have sustainability committees - Dan
 - Reach out to these committees - Lena
- Email information about the April 29th Climate and Health Symposium to the committee - Dan
- Put air monitor discussion is on the agenda for the next meeting - Lorenzo
- Send an editable copy of the resource document to the Energy Wise subcommittee - Lorenzo
- Find and send a report on the business round table from last year to Julie - Lorenzo
- Reach out to the Rocky Mountain Wattsmart representative met at the ISS about joining a future meeting - Tara
- Look into arranging a tour of the Wasatch Integrated Recycling facility - Lena

ADJOURNMENT

- With no further business, Julie made a motion to adjourn, Lena seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting- April 24th, 2025 at 5:30 pm in-person at the city offices. The meeting schedule will be every month.

Zoom Meeting

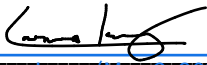
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