
Minutes of the meeting of the **Sustainability Committee** held Thursday, May 22nd, 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: Tara Saley
Erika McDonald
Julie Casey

Julez Garcia
Jonathan Melton
Lena Morgan

Members Absent: Stephanie Vaughn
Kaiya Clark

Derek Martinez-Lopez

Ex-Officio: Lorenzo Long

Steve Burton

Guests/Public:

CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME / ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

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

- Julez made a motion to approve the April 24th, 2025 meeting minutes. Jonathan seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
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DELIVERABLES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Check air quality monitor at Ogden High to see who owns it – **Derek and Kaiya**
 - Review draft committee ordinance, make comments/edits, send back to Lorenzo – **All Committee Members**
 - Create air quality cheat sheet – **Tara**
 - Create Twilight Concert sign up sheet and send out – **Lorenzo**
 - Send out draft ordinance – **Lorenzo**
 - Draft plan for air quality monitor placement – **Lorenzo**
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AIR QUALITY MONITOR DISCUSSION

- Lorenzo shared that coordination is ongoing with Weber State, Tellus, and the Weber Morgan Health Department. The Weber Morgan Health Department has a similar project, and they are coordinating efforts to help with placement, despite having separate funding. They also consulted with Demetrios Pagonis, a Weber State professor and air quality expert, who suggested fewer monitors that measure more things, prioritizing "quality over quantity" compared to Tellus's proposed plan. Conversations are also planned with Davis County, which recently launched a partnership with Tellus, to learn from their experience.
- Tara presented information on national ambient air quality standards, focusing on six pollutants: ozone, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, PM (PM10 and PM2.5), carbon monoxide, and lead.

- Tara found a recent Salt Lake Tribune article stating that Great Salt Lake dust (PM10) is not being accurately measured. This dust contains heavy metals and poses health issues. State monitors often don't track PM10 in winter, and measurement is highly localized. The article discusses the need for more PM10 monitors, especially around areas like Antelope Island and Ogden, to get a more accurate risk picture. The state of Utah and the University of Utah professors support increasing these measurements, but current capacity is insufficient.
- Tara suggested focusing on PM10 monitoring.
- Jonathan agreed with Tara's argument for measuring PM10.
- Lena suggested coordinating with the state if they are already trying to bring PM10 monitors to Ogden. Lorenzo agreed that if the state is willing to fund it, they should let them.
- Jonathan questioned the utility of perfect PM10 knowledge, asking if it would only indicate that the Great Salt Lake needs to be higher. Tara responded that it would inform residents when to stay inside or wear masks during dust events.
- Lorenzo clarified the initial goal was to provide valuable data to residents and data for city policy changes, with potential annual funding to build upon.
- Erica suggested getting at least one PM10 monitor, perhaps the furthest west, to build rapport with the state and provide proof of their efforts, as PM10 is a unique and impactful addition to air quality knowledge. The committee agreed with this idea.

COMMITTEE ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

- Jonathan noted the proposed ordinance changes the committee's purpose significantly from the original. Lorenzo explained the change aims for more actionable duties, moving beyond just "citizen education programs relating to sustainable environmental practices". The updated purpose includes "cost savings, energy efficiency, conservation, natural resources, sustainability, and climate resilience," to provide broader latitude for action. This aligns with what Dan and others identified as focus areas.
- The committee discussed several additional changes to the ordinance.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Energy Wise Subcommittee
 - Met a month ago with Dan to discuss committee limits as volunteers.
 - Next step is to create a uniform guide for energy programs (what they are, how to join, why to join) to give to businesses
 - A contractor for Wattsmart Business (Rocky Mountain Power), is interested in giving a presentation on programs for businesses. The committee will work on coordinating a date for her to come present.
- Recycling Subcommittee
 - Ogden City event staff has agreed to have their event cleanup contractor take the recycling bins out to the curb after concerts and bring them back the next morning, reducing volunteer effort and integrating recycling into existing infrastructure.
 - There will be 11 new 96-gallon blue bins with can holes cut in the top, a significant increase from last year, contributing to less volunteer effort.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- N/A

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Lena offered to look into NRCS grant opportunities for urban conservation projects, noting some programs have returned online. Lorenzo mentioned he met with Trudy, Lena's contact, who is a good resource for urban conservation.
- Julie mentioned a state program called "You Save Energy Efficiency Fund," a \$5 million revolving loan fund for zero-interest loans for K-12 school energy conservation projects. The contact confirmed they still have a lot of funding, and Julie can forward information.

DELIVERABLES BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING

- Air quality monitoring plan - Lorenzo
- Sign up for twilight concerts if you haven't already - Committee members
- Send any additional comments on draft ordinance - Committee members
- Coordinate date for Wattsmart presentation - Tara
- Look into NRCS funding - Lena
- Contact other city's sustainability committees - Lena

ADJOURNMENT

- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting- June 26th, 2025 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



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