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 Derek Martinez-Lopez Julie Casey	Stephanie Vaughn
Members Absent:	Julez Garcia Kaiya Clark Lena Morgan	Erika McDonald Jonathan Melton
Ex-Officio:	Lorenzo Long	Steve Burton

Guests/Public: Dan Keiley

CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME / ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

- Tara called the meeting to order. Lorenzo called the roll.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- No quorum was present, so meeting minutes were not voted on.

ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS 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**

AIR QUALITY MONITOR DISCUSSION

- Lorenzo provided an update on the air quality monitoring plan, noting that progress is being made, and no official purchases have been made yet.
- The city has partnered with the Weber Morgan Health Department and is working with Demetrios Pagonis, an air quality expert and professor at Weber State.
- They met with Davis County to learn about their experience with air quality monitors, including issues, costs, and maintenance, and gained access to their backend data.
- Demetrios Pagonis analyzed Davis County's data, particularly concerning PM10 sensors during a dust storm.
- His recommendation for a new network is six AirU Pros with PM10 sensors and three with ozone sensors, all LTE instead of Wi-Fi.

- Proposed general locations include Ogden, Weber County, and Morgan County, based on analysis of existing infrastructure.
- Ozone sensors are proposed for locations behind mountains where current measurement is lacking.
- Sites for the monitors would ideally be at health department or existing city sites, utilizing LTE versions to avoid Wi-Fi dependence. Ease of access for maintenance will be a factor in final site selection.
- There are no current plans for informational signage as monitors will likely be hidden.

TWILIGHT CONCERT RECYCLING RESULTS UPDATE

- Lorenzo attended every concert, and Tara and Stephanie also attended various concerts.
- Concert attendees were putting materials in the correct bins and were excited to recycle.
- Suggestions for improvement included placing bins on the outer edge of the concert area for easier access and better labels that stick.
- The idea of having something above the crowd to say "recycle here" was suggested for better awareness.
- Stephanie noted a very low contamination rate in general bins.
- A concern was raised about businesses putting boxes with plastic wrap into recycling bins, as this material gums up machinery at recycling facilities.
- All 11 (96-gallon) bins were full or nearly full at the end of the night, especially at crowded concerts, meaning that the quantity of recycling has likely surpassed last summer's total after just a few concerts.
- It was suggested that more bins would be helpful so that people don't have to walk far to find one.
- The initial idea of volunteers standing by bins and chatting didn't work due to crowds, leading to mainly observation. A new volunteer strategy was tested and worked well: volunteers in blue vests walk around with small rectangular bins, allowing concertgoers to dispose of recyclables without leaving their spots. This approach improved interactions and made people happy.
- A suggestion was made to add "ask me about recycling" to vests or bins to encourage conversation and address public skepticism about whether items actually get recycled. This could potentially be done with an iron-on or a safety-pinned paper for immediate use.

CHAIR/VICE CHAIR ELECTION

- Lorenzo will send a Google form for nominations; nominees will be asked to accept before being placed on an anonymous ballot, also a Google form.
- Voting is anonymous, and the chair is elected first, followed by the vice chair.
- The chair's responsibilities include reviewing the draft agenda from Lorenzo (sent the week prior) and convening/guiding the meeting, including asking for motions.
- Lorenzo offered to provide education on procedural matters.
- The vice chair's role is to fill in if the chair is absent.
- Lorenzo will send out the forms likely after the meeting or the next day.

ANNUAL REPORT

- The annual report is due to the City Council every August. The chair is typically responsible for giving the report in a work session.
- The report discusses the committee's accomplishments over the past year (fiscal year: July 1st to June 30th). It's an opportunity to discuss achievements and outline future goals.
- The committee is responsible for creating the report, typically by listing accomplishments, events, challenges, and upcoming goals.
- Lorenzo will format the information into the Ogden City template and create the PowerPoint slides after the committee creates the draft.
- Lorenzo will send out last year's annual report as an example.

- The goal is to have a draft ready for a transmittal to the City Council in July.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Energy Wise Subcommittee
  - No new updates since the last meeting; efforts continue from previous discussions.
  - They have reviewed city, federal, and state energy programs for businesses, updating contacts and checking activity.
  - The next step is for Julie to create a template/outline for a background on each program (what it is, who can join, how to join, benefits) to provide to businesses.
  - They are also considering a round table or creating materials to pass out to businesses with contacts to encourage self-tracking of energy use.
  - Lorenzo offered to update an existing sheet if Julie sends him information.
  - Amy, a non-committee member and former city council member, is interested in participating due to her connections.
- Recycling Subcommittee
  - No major updates beyond the Twilight Concert Series work.
  - A survey for 25th Street businesses regarding their recycling practices will be sent to Lorenzo for final approval before being sent out.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Dan Keiley spoke, identifying as a transplant from Seattle, retired aerospace professional, and certified in clean energy with experience installing solar panels.
- He is a proponent and volunteer at OFOAM, where they handle recycling and sorting.
- He mentioned seeing improvements in public recycling efforts at places like Snow Basin and emphasized the need for more progress.
- Dan is also on the Northern Utah Trails Foundation and knowledgeable in forestry and outdoor recreation.
- He expressed concern about the "sustainable" 2034 Olympics promotion, believing politicians and business managers may not fully understand the commitment, and offered his leadership and guidance.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Derek raised concerns about watering during the day, particularly noting the city watering its own municipal garden during hot, sunny hours. He also noted seeing businesses and city parks watering during the day.
  - The restriction is typically from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.
  - Lorenzo will follow up with Matt Haack, the water conservationist, for clarification and justification.
  - An official city form for reporting water wasters is available online, allowing users to drop a pin for location.
- A resident contacted Lorenzo concerned about the potential sale of public land, particularly in the "Big Beautiful Bill".
  - Concerns were raised that selling land without infrastructure or jobs would primarily benefit rich people, not address housing needs for others.
  - It was noted that this issue has broad, unanimous opposition, except from the bill's sponsor.
  - The committee aims to focus on the sustainability aspects of the issue, not the political ones, if they choose to make a statement.
  - Individual committee members are encouraged to express their own political opinions outside of committee statements.
  - The idea of the committee writing a statement focusing on sustainability impacts to present to the mayor for discussion with state representatives was proposed. This would require an email vote for committee approval due to the lack of a quorum at the meeting.
  - Dan Keiley mentioned that some land already worked on by the Trails Foundation, including new trails and trailheads, is on the map for potential sale.

DELIVERABLES BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING

- Prepare rough draft of annual report - **COMMITTEE**
- Chair election process - **Lorenzo/Committee**
- Send recycling survey to Lorenzo for review - **Stephanie**

ADJOURNMENT

- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting- July 31st, 2025 at 5:30 pm in-person at the city offices. The meeting schedule will be every month.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES

Lorenzo Long (Aug 15, 2025 13:59:53 MDT)

Lorenzo Long
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