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

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**Members Present:** Tara Saley  
Jonathan Melton  
Kaiya Clark  
Stephanie Vaughn  
Lena Morgan  
Derek Martinez-Lopez

**Members Absent:** Julie Casey  
Julez Garcia

**Ex-Officio:** Lorenzo Long  
Steve Burton

**Guests/Public:** Dan Keiley

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#### **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**

- The meeting minutes from September 25<sup>th</sup> were approved.
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#### **ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

- Confirm Wattsmart speakers for October meeting - Tara
  - Reach out to ODA to see if they'd like to take on recycling efforts on their own for Fall Market – Lorenzo
    - Lorenzo reported that he offered it to them and they took on the recycling efforts on their own.
  - Send out an email to see who is interested in joining the Natural Resources subcommittee - Lena
  - Get information about potential demonstration garden plot – Lorenzo
    - Lorenzo showed pictures of the potential plot.
  - Start thinking about potential demonstration garden design/ideas - Derek
  - Update meeting dates for November/December – Lorenzo
    - Lorenzo changed the meeting dates to November 20<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Confirm annual report date - Lorenzo
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#### **UTAH RENEWABLE COMMUNITIES MONTHLY UPDATE**

- The URC program is still under review by the Public Service Commission (PSC).
  - Lorenzo gave an overview of the program's key points including:
    - The goal of the URC program is pursuing net 100% renewable energy by 2030.
    - If adopted by Ogden, residents would be automatically opted into the program but retain the ability to opt out.
    - Final cost details (average bill cost and per kilowatt-hour charge) are expected when the PSC hopefully approves the program.
    - If the PSC approves the program, the city will have 90 days to adopt an ordinance. If adopted, there will be about six months before the program starts when residents can opt out for free.
    - Renewable sources are likely to be solar and wind, with potential for geothermal or nuclear.
    - The Committee's role is to provide nonpartisan, objective advice, and evaluate the program based on facts and its impacts on Ogden.
  - A request was made for Lorenzo to send out the recording of the background and review of the program.
  - The idea of hosting a community event, possibly at the Marshall White Center, to inform the public was raised.
  - The Committee agreed to dedicate the next meeting or two to focusing on the URC program due to its significance and the upcoming 90-day decision period.
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### **WATTSMART PRESENTATION**

- Kate Whitbeck and Ammon Traeden gave a presentation on the Rocky Mountain Power WattSmart business program, which is a ratepayer-funded energy efficiency program. Ogden City participated in the program when building the Marshall White Center, and received a \$58,000 incentive.
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### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Energy Wise Subcommittee
    - N/A
  - Recycling Subcommittee
    - N/A
  - Natural Resources Subcommittee
    - Lena sent out an email to see who would like to join the subcommittee, and got a few responses.
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### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- N/A
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### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

- A suggestion was made to have Steve Ballard come talk to the committee about some of the innovative sustainability projects he has implemented with his businesses.
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### **DELIVERABLES BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING**

- Draft an outline of the committee's URC white paper – Tara
  - Send WattSmart slides – Lorenzo
  - Contact Steve Ballard about potential presentation – Lena
  - Check to see if Wonderblock participated in WattSmart – Lorenzo
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### **ADJOURNMENT**

- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
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### **NEXT MEETING**

Regular Meeting- November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 4:00 pm in-person at the city offices and via Zoom. The meeting schedule will be every month.

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**APPROVAL SIGNATURES**



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Lorenzo Long  
Ogden City Sustainability Coordinator

Date Approved: 11/20/25

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