
Minutes of the meeting of the **Sustainability Committee** held Thursday, February 26th, 2026, 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
Jonathan Melton
Julie Casey
Stephanie Vaughn
Lena Morgan

Members Absent: Derek Martinez-Lopez
Kaiya Clark

Ex-Officio: Lorenzo Long
Steve Burton

Guests/Public: Dan Keiley
Shane Schvaneveldt

CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME / ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- The January 22nd, 2026 meeting minutes were approved.

ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Work on URC white paper – Committee

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Energy Wise Subcommittee
 - N/A
- Recycling Subcommittee
 - Stephanie reached out to marathon organizers regarding recycling initiatives but has not yet received a response
- Natural Resources Subcommittee
 - N/A

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Intermountain Sustainability Summit:** Kaiya and either Tara or Stephanie will attend on Thursday; others may attend Friday. Committee members will staff the Eco Expo table for 30-40 minutes. Lorenzo will be doing a session with Dan Bedford at the summit.
- **Earth Day, Farmers Market, Weber Basin Water Garden Fair:** The committee expressed interest in participating at the Ogden Nature Center if four volunteers can be secured to split shifts. The committee discussed obtaining

a community tent this summer to collaborate with Weber State Sustainability and conduct outreach for the URC program at the Farmers Market. Interest for these events will be gauged via a Google Form.

URC MONTHLY UPDATE

- Lorenzo provided an update on HB 238 from the Utah legislative session. An initial version of the bill threatened the program by switching it to "opt-in," but after significant backlash, it was revised to remain "opt-out" with the addition of a physical check-box requirement on opt-out notices. The bill has passed and is awaiting the Governor's signature.
 - The Public Service Commission may approve the program following the end of the legislative session (March 6), which will trigger a 90-day clock for participating cities to make a final decision.
 - The committee discussed outreach strategies including social media, digital billboards, and educational posters for local businesses.
 - Estimated program costs are currently projected at \$2 to \$7 per month for the average customer, with a target of \$3 to \$4.
 - The Public Service Commission docket can be found at the following link: [Docket No: 25-035-06 | Public Service Commission \(utah.gov\)](#)
-

URC WHITE PAPER WORK SESSION

- The committee reviewed the draft white paper, focusing on clarifying technical language for the public. Key revisions included:
 - Adding a definitions section for terms like "net 100% renewable energy" and "utility-scale".
 - Specifying that infrastructure will be part of the regional grid and not located on residential rooftops.
 - Changing all references from "PacifiCorp" to "Rocky Mountain Power" for better public recognition.
 - Planning for a potential emergency session to officially vote on and sign the document before submission to the City Council.
-

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- N/A
-

OPEN DISCUSSION

- A Seed Swap will be held at Union Station this Saturday at 10:00 a.m.. The "Running Up For Air" race is also scheduled for this Saturday to support air quality initiatives.
-

DELIVERABLES BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING

- Work on white paper – Committee
 - Reach out to Farmers Market regarding a summer community tent – Lorenzo.
 - Send Google Forms poll to gauge interest in other events – Lorenzo.
 - Draft URC sustainability poster for committee review – Tara.
 - Insert E-grid energy makeup percentages into the white paper – Tara.
 - Resend white paper link to all members – Lorenzo.
 - Provide authoritative sources/talking points to Lorenzo – Shane/Dan
-

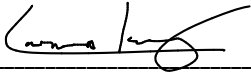
ADJOURNMENT

- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
-

NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting- March 26th, 2026 at 4:00 pm in-person at the city offices and electronically via Zoom. The meeting schedule will be every month.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lorenzo Long', is written over a horizontal line.

Lorenzo Long
Ogden City Sustainability Coordinator

Date Approved: 3/26/26
