
Minutes of the meeting of the **Sustainability Committee** held Thursday, April 23rd, 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
Stephanie Vaughn

Members Absent: Derek Martinez-Lopez
Kaiya Clark
Lena Morgan
Julie Casey

Ex-Officio: Lorenzo Long
Steve Burton

Guests/Public: Shane Schvaneveldt

CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME / ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- The committee was unable to approve meeting minutes from the previous session as they did not reach a quorum.

ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Work on white paper – Committee
- Reach out to Farmers Market regarding a summer community tent – Lorenzo

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Recycling Subcommittee
 - Lorenzo reported an upcoming meeting that Stephanie set up with a mattress recycling facility in Salt Lake to discuss the logistics of allowing residents to send mattresses from the landfill to the facility for an estimated \$18 fee
- Natural Resources Subcommittee
 - N/A

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Farmers Market:** Lorenzo is on the list for community booth slots and will update the committee when dates are confirmed
- **Weber Basin Water Garden Fair:** The committee received a spot at the water garden fair on June 6th. They will need to fully staff the table as Lorenzo will be out of town

- **Earth Day:** The committee missed the deadline for a booth at the Ogden Nature Center Earth Day event, though other organizations will represent the URC program there
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URC MONTHLY UPDATE

- Steve Burton and Lorenzo shared results from a recent Flash Vote survey regarding the URC program, which had 401 participants. In the "Locals Only" subsection of the survey, nearly half of the respondents were already aware of the program. 58% of respondents indicated they were "definitely" or "probably" willing to pay the \$4 residential flat rate. 59% stated they would likely stay enrolled in the program, while roughly 25% would opt out. The City Council is scheduled to officially consider the URC program on May 5th, which will include a public hearing.
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DROUGHT-RESISTANT DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

- The city is interested in a demonstration garden at the former Aspen Living Care Center site. Currently, there is no budget for this project; the committee is looking for community partnerships and donations. Stephanie recommended waiting until fall to plant for better survival rates via deep tap roots, unless it can be done within the next month. To prevent weeds over the summer, the committee suggested using wood chips or mulch from green waste as a temporary barrier. Stephanie will provide a list of nurseries (e.g., High Country Garden, Valley Nursery) to contact for plant donations
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

- N/A
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OPEN DISCUSSION

- Lorenzo brought up the sustainability implications of paid/managed parking in downtown Ogden. The committee discussed how paid parking acts as "friction" or a deterrent to driving, potentially encouraging carpooling, walking, or using public transit like the OGX. Suggestions were made for green roofs or solar panels on parking structures to mitigate the "heat island" effect
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DELIVERABLES BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING

- Create and send a signup sheet/poll for Water Garden Fair volunteer shifts– Tara
 - Provide updates on Farmers Market dates – Lorenzo
 - Share the City Council agenda/timing for the May 5th URC vote– Lorenzo
 - Send the committee recommendation document to Shane – Lorenzo
 - Email Lorenzo a list of nurseries for potential donations – Stephanie
 - Contact the Utah Pollinator Habitat Program regarding a late application for the demonstration garden – Stephanie
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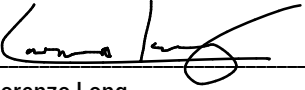
ADJOURNMENT

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

Regular Meeting- May 28th, 2026 at 4:00 pm in-person at the city offices and electronically via Zoom. The meeting schedule will be every month.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES



Lorenzo Long
Ogden City Sustainability Coordinator

Date Approved: 5/28/26
