
Minutes of the meeting of the **Sustainability Committee** held Thursday, May 28th, 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
Julie Casey

Members Absent: Derek Martinez-Lopez Lena Morgan
Kaiya Clark

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 approved the March 26th, March 30th, and April 23rd meeting minutes.

ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS 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

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Recycling Subcommittee
 - Stephanie provided an update on a proposed mattress diversion program in collaboration with Springback Utah. The program aims to reduce landfill waste and protect machinery by providing drop-off trailers for mattress recycling. The committee discussed the pros and cons of having mattress recycling in Ogden, and where that might be able to be hosted.
 - Lorenzo noted that the program's success depends on making recycling cost-competitive or more convenient than landfill disposal. Stephanie's next step is to contact the landfill to discuss potential collaboration and fee structures
- Natural Resources Subcommittee

- N/A

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Twilight Concert Series:** The focus for this summer is waste reduction.
 - **New Water Filling Station:** A high-capacity filling station will be debuted to encourage the use of reusable bottles.
 - **Recycling:** Fifteen recycling bins will be deployed, focusing on placement near high-traffic areas and food trucks.
 - **Volunteer Logistics:** Volunteers will monitor the filling station to manage usage and prevent misuse.
 - **Outreach:** The concert table will feature QR codes for community feedback and educational materials regarding the Utah Renewable Communities (URC) program
- **Farmers Market:** Lorenzo is on the list for community booth slots and will update the committee when dates are confirmed. The committee would share a booth with Weber State.
- **Weber Basin Water Garden Fair:** The committee received a spot at the water garden fair on June 6th. Jonathan and Lena are signed up to be there. Lorenzo will drop off materials to Lena.

URC MONTHLY UPDATE

- Lorenzo provided a recap of the Ogden City Council's vote to officially participate in the URC program, which was a 6-1 vote. Stephanie and Tara noted the significant public support, with roughly 15 residents staying until near midnight to testify in favor of the program. The council specifically recognized the committee's white paper as a vital resource for addressing questions and misinformation during the decision-making process
- Statewide, 15 of 19 eligible communities have joined, representing 91% of the eligible energy load.
- The committee expressed appreciation for the council spending all that time considering the program, hearing comments, and voting on it, despite the late night.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- N/A

OPEN DISCUSSION

- N/A

DELIVERABLES BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING

- Coordinate Twilight Concert Series schedule – Lorenzo
- Send Twilight Concert instructions to volunteers – Lorenzo
- Obtain water flow meter for filling station - Lorenzo
- Figure out farmers market dates – Lorenzo
- Reach out to landfill about mattress diversion program – Stephanie

ADJOURNMENT

- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting- June 25th, 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

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Ogden City Sustainability Coordinator

Date Approved: 6/25/26
