
Minutes of the meeting of the **Sustainability Committee** held Thursday, June 25th, 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 Stephanie Vaughn

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

Ex-Officio: Lorenzo Long Steve Burton

Guests/Public: Taylor Lee

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

- Coordinate Twilight Concert Series schedule – Lorenzo
 - Lorenzo resent the link.
- Send Twilight Concert instructions to volunteers – Lorenzo
- Obtain water flow meter for filling station - Lorenzo
- Figure out farmers market dates – Lorenzo
 - July 18th, August 1st, August 15th, September 12th. Booth will be shared with WSU.
- Reach out to landfill about mattress diversion program – Stephanie

TWILIGHT CONCERT REPORT OUT

- Water Refill Station: The new station was highly successful compared to the plastic-lined cardboard boxes of previous years.
- The pump's pressure release valve was leaking water every 10 minutes, but a hose clamp was able to fix the issue.
- Environmental Impact: The station distributed 210 gallons of water during a single concert, offsetting the purchase of 1,554 single-use plastic water bottles.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Recycling Subcommittee
 - Stephanie reported that Ogden is reducing its public glass drop-off sites from three locations to one.
 - The Ogden High School site is permanently closing as the school reclaims parking lot space. The 4th Street bin is being removed, and only the Green Waste Site will remain active as a free option.
 - Momentum Recycling is introducing residential curbside pickup for a \$25 setup fee and a \$10 monthly fee (collected once a month).
 - Since February, the city has redirected all municipal recycling to the Ogden Transfer Station rather than the advanced Wasatch Integrated facility. The local transfer station has less sophisticated sorting equipment, though upgrades are reportedly planned.
 - Natural Resources Subcommittee
 - N/A
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- The committee discussed the upcoming dates of the Farmers Market and Twilight Concert Series.
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CHAIR/VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

- Lorenzo said he would send out the election nomination forms for the committee.
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

- N/A
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OPEN DISCUSSION

- The committee will begin drafting its annual report (scheduled for August/September) to highlight past achievements, such as the URC recommendations, and outline next year's goals
 - The committee discussed creating a tighter advisory loop with the City Council. Proactive ideas include attending council meetings periodically to introduce members and presenting future strategic goals directly to the council to seek their guidance on how they want to utilize the committee.
 - Strategic Initiatives Proposed:
 - City Needs Assessment: Surveying various city departments to identify how the committee can serve as a direct advisory resource to make municipal operations easier.
 - Waste Elimination Focus: Moving the committee's focus toward proactive waste reduction (e.g., event water stations) rather than strictly recycling.
 - Department Presentations & Tours: Inviting public works staff to explain recycling contracts, and water utility staff to present on water conservation and resources. Lorenzo also noted that the city can host a tour of the drinking water facility in the canyon
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DELIVERABLES BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING

- Reach out to Kaia and Derek for recommendations of students to fill slots – Lorenzo
 - Fill out Twilight and Farmers Market dates – Committee
 - Think about goals and content for annual report - Committee
 - Send chair election form – Lorenzo
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ADJOURNMENT

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

Regular Meeting- August 27th, 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: 8/27/26
