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Sustainability Commission

March 1, 2019

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

City of Franklin –CDCR – City Hall

8:00 am	Welcome/Introductions	All
8:05 am	*Approval of February Meeting Minutes	Dana Kose
8:05 am – 8:55 am	Nashville’s Experience with Dockless Scooters	Councilman Jeremy Elrod Billy Fields
8:55 am -- 9:00 am	Other News/Adjourn	All

*Item contains an attachment or link

MISSION STATEMENT: The Sustainability Commission provides guidance to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and the Planning Commission and leadership for the entire Franklin Community.

Brenton Montgomery (12/11/2021)
Will Dodson (12/13/2019)
Beverly Burger (BOMA co-terminus)
Patrick Baggett (Franklin Tomorrow co-terminus)
Mike Leonard (2/26/2022)

Todd Palmer (8/9/2019)
Dana Kose (12/13/2019)
Nancy Whittemore (10/23/2021)
Micah Wood (10/23/2021)

The City of Franklin has committed itself to developing an ongoing strategy of sustainability for the community. This initiative will be designed to achieve viable, fulfilling, and rewarding lifestyles for our residents and business partners through responsible and innovative stewardship of the environment.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FRANKLIN SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

February 1, 2019

The Franklin Sustainability Commission held a regular meeting on Friday, February 1, 2019, at 8:00 a.m., in the Community Development Conference Room.

Members Present: Chair Dana Kose, Alderman Beverly Burger, Mike Leonard, Todd Palmer, Brenton Montgomery, Micah Wood, Nancy Whittemore, Will Dodson, and Patrick Baggett

Members Absent: none

Visitors: none

Staff Present: Andrew Orr, Elaine Ellis, Kelly Dannenfelser, Jonathan Marston, and Jimmy Wiseman

Welcome/Introductions

Chair Kose called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Introductions were made.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Dodson moved, seconded by **Mr. Wood**, to approve the minutes from January 11, 2018. The motion carried (7-0). **Alderman Burger and Ms. Whittemore** did not vote because they arrived after the vote.

Announcements

Planapalooza

Mr. Orr stated that the Planning and Sustainability Department would be hosting a four-day event February 19-22, 2019. This event is open to the public to discuss the Zoning Ordinance update. The public would be invited to provide input and ask questions. The discussions would be led by the TPUDC Consulting Group. Discussions would include the future of Cool Springs and Downtown Franklin.

Mr. Leonard asked what the end goal was. **Mr. Orr** stated it was to help update the Zoning Ordinance to better reflect Envision Franklin. This event will inform citizens about the update and get citizen feedback.

Mr. Leonard asked if the key issues should have been addressed by the Commission before the event. **Mr. Orr** stated that now is the time to inject

ideas for Sustainability. The draft for the update will be completed in April and final approval will be in the fall. **Mr. Leonard** asked if other commissions were providing input before Planapalooza. **Ms. Dannenfels** stated that the event would be a very intense week. The consultants would be on location for 12-hour days. This would enable the public and the Commissioners to have an opportunity to meet with the consultants. **Mr. Leonard** stated that the Sustainability Commission should hold a similar event each year. **Ms. Kose** asked if there would be an opportunity to provide feedback before the event. **Mr. Orr** stated that the website ZoneFranklin.com would be operational around the first of February. He stated if the Commission wanted to discuss the Zoning Ordinance, a separate meeting would need to be scheduled due to the size of the document. **Mr. Baggett** stated that each commission member should attend as a citizen and individual.

Litter Index Tour

Mr. Orr stated that he would send out information for this event.

City Commission Updates

Mr. Orr stated that the Planning Commission voted to recommend the Discovery Center on Carothers Parkway to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA).

Other News

Ms. Kose stated that the Litter Index Tour should be conducted in the Fall and repeated every two years. **Mr. Orr** stated he will provide forms to rate the litter in designated areas. **Alderman Burger** stated that this information was very helpful to Ward Aldermen. This may help the City Administrator to provide more funding for cleaning up the litter. She stated that the East McEwen area has a problem with litter because of the numerous recently County-approved developments. She stated that the Sheriff's Department rarely uses inmates in this area because of the cost.

Franklin Transportation Projects

Mr. Jonathan Marston, Assistant Director of Capitol Projects, Engineering Department, and **Mr. Jimmy Wiseman**, Assistant Director of Development Services and Stormwater, Engineering Department were invited to speak on this topic.

Mr. Marston discussed the four divisions of the Engineering Department:
Stormwater
Development Services
Capital Projects
Traffic Operations

Mr. Marston stated that **Mr. Adam Mosier** would be the new Traffic Operations Engineer.

Mr. Marston stated that they assist the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) to see what needs to be built in the next 10 years. He stated that the Engineering Department does not maintain streets. He stated that they maintain a Planning Level Transportation Plan for a 25-year timeframe. They have short term goals for 2020 and long-term for 2040. In 2016, they added Connect Franklin to the plan to provide for bicycle and pedestrian needs. He stated that the needs for bicycles and pedestrians are considered in all projects. These include the on-street networks. Off-street projects are handled by the Parks Department. The Connect Franklin A Comprehensive Transportation Network Plan August 2016 plan is located on the City's website at:

<https://www.franklintn.gov/government/departments-aj/engineering/development>

Alderman Burger stated that the Engineering Department had done an excellent job in bringing a different approach to the table in choosing Capitol Investment projects.

Mr. Marston stated that Engineering provides data to consider several issues including economic development, safety, and schools to help BOMA choose projects. The projects are ranked by a four-star program. He stated that there are currently 27 transportation projects under consideration totaling \$242 million.

Mr. Orr asked about adaptive traffic signals. **Mr. Marston** stated that they normally assign timing based on standard timing. Adaptive signals can respond to real time traffic and can adjust to changes in traffic patterns. He stated that adaptive traffic signals are good for unpredictable traffic areas such as the Cool Springs area. They are hoping to implement this in the Cool Springs area later this year.

Mr. Marston discussed examples from the Connect Franklin: A Comprehensive Transportation Network Plan August 2016.

Alderman Burger asked about the plans proposed for the traffic on Liberty Pike in 2020. **Ms. Kose** asked about the Wilson Pike area. **Mr. Marston** stated that Wilson Pike is a state route and not under the City's jurisdiction.

Mr. Wiseman stated that this document is important because it includes right-of-ways for proposed developments. They make sure that the improvements are funded. A third-party consultant is also used to review projects.

Mr. Marston stated that the road impact fees generate a revenue of \$5-7 million per year.

Mr. Orr invited **Mr. Marston** and **Mr. Wiseman** to the March Sustainability Meeting for the discussion on motorized scooters.

Franklin Tomorrow On the Table Results

Mr. Baggett gave a report about the Franklin Tomorrow “On the Table” event. He stated that the event was held in October, 2018. There were 1000 participants and 400 completed surveys. Over 50 public and private events were held. Participants from 30 different zip codes attended. Also, he stated that there was a wide range in age groups who participated. He stated that there was a lot of positive feedback. The largest issue is consolidating the survey data.

Mr. Baggett stated that each age group identified three top issues that they wanted addressed. The participants were actively involved in their community. One example, is that 84% said that they voted most of the time. Most had lived in their residence less than five years. About 71% wanted to know how they could personally help with issues. **Mr. Baggett** stated that Franklin Tomorrow would be creating a book or media piece, and he felt this would be a good opportunity to inject education about sustainability.

Mr. Baggett stated that they have the email addresses of the participants. These emails can be used to invite individuals to events that are related to sustainability. An interesting issue showed that 24% of the participants stated they wanted to volunteer or get involved in the community but did not know how. Franklin Tomorrow will partner with Hands on Nashville to connect local volunteers to causes in the Franklin area.

The feedback also stated that there were three opportunities for improvement:

- Housing – Attainable housing for work force and seniors who want to downsize
- Transportation – alternative modes of transportation
- Growth and Development – concerned about the rate of growth

Mr. Baggett stated that the event will only be one day in 2019, not one week as in 2018.

2019 Activities

The Commission discussed the following agenda for 2019:

- Create a civic book or movie (video) about sustainability for public education.
- Preview short movie clip before movie night at Pinkerton Park.
- Use educational items from the USGBC. They have K-12 age group items.
- Create Public Service Announcement to run at local theaters.
- Invite the On the Table participants (have the emails) who expressed sustainability interest to come preview books, videos, etc.
- Work with Franklin Tomorrow (Mindy Tate) to fund the creation of book or movie about sustainability. **Mr. Baggett** will head up project. **Ms. Whittemore** and **Mr. Wood** will also help. It was decided to target children. Any ideas for a video, books, website, games or coloring books should be sent to **Mr. Baggett**. **Mr. Orr** suggested that this be put on the agenda for April.
- Nashville.gov has a program targeted for children. This is a good place to get some ideas, especially using children's games.
- **Ms. Kose** suggested contacting the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the Green Business Initiative.
- The Commission suggested dropping the recycling glass and roll out bin priorities for now.
- **Mr. Leonard** suggested that they should create a document about recycling for festivals and events, such as the Main Street Festival. He stated that they could collect data for waste audit to see how much waste is created during festivals. Work with BOMA to amend the vendor agreement to include requirements to reduce waste. The festivals should have recycling stations with a person to educate what is recyclable. **Mr. Orr** suggested contacting **Monique McCullough** to start this conversation.
- **Mr. Baggett** stated that the developers for Harpeth Square hotel and apartments have asked for guidance to set up a recycling program, either with City services or private companies.

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 am.

- Mr. Orr will send out a meeting invitation for the next Sustainability meeting for March 1, 2019.
- Mr. Orr will contact Monique McCullough to set up meeting to discuss recycling for festivals and events.