

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FRANKLIN SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

October 19, 2010

The Franklin Sustainability Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 2010, at 4:00 pm in the Community Development Conference Room.

Members Present:                    Ken Scalf, Chair                    Adam Ballash, Vice Chair  
   Ken Moore                            John Saxton  
   Brian Miller                        Chuck Barber  
   Teresa Ashworth-Harris

Staff Present:                        Andrew Orr, Erin Reinders, Milissa Reiersen, Carl Alexander

Visitors:                                Kevin Walters, Rachel Harris, Tim Hayes

The agenda read as follows:

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Scalf: Called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Scalf: Presented the minutes for previous meeting for consideration.

Dr. Moore: Moved to approve.

Mr. Saxton: Seconded the motion to approve.

Minutes were unanimously approved by the Committee

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**SUSTAINABLE FEATURES MAP**

Mr. Orr: Introduces Carl Alexander and the Sustainable Features Map.

Mr. Alexander: Demonstrates how to use the map.

General discussion, suggestions, and approbation for the map. The Commission suggested the map display color coded areas, multi-use paths, reclaimed water lines, and LEED certified buildings.

## **BLUE BAG UPDATE**

Mr. Orr: Continues to draw support. Participation is up from 25% from early July to 42%. Diversion is slowly increasing.

A group from Leadership Franklin is working on a project to increase participation and diversion. They are planning to make a short video and also work through the schools.

General discussion on items that can be recycled in Blue Bags with a suggestion to make a magnet showing items that can be recycled.

## **PUMPKINFEST**

Mr. Orr: The Heritage Foundation is making a great effort to incorporate recycling into the downtown area for Pumpkinfest. Waste Management is a key partner. This year, Buddy BlueBag and our Solid Waste Department will be there talking about the recycling program and passing out information.

Dr. Moore: Waste Management is donating one solar trash compactor and companion unit for recycling and the city is also buying one for the downtown area in an effort to avoid weekend pick up which will save time and money for the City.

Mr. Scalf: Should we talk about the Green permit program.

Mr. Orr: Met in-house to discuss their program and to see if there were any applications. Metro codes has a process where a development, home or building seeking LEED, NAHB, or Earth Craft standards can submit their intention in writing to the Codes Department. Then, Metro will issue a building permit contingent upon the green code. When building is finished, a Certificate will be issued to the owner. Currently, there is not a lot of incentive to do this.

## **PREFERRED PARKING PROGRAM**

Mr. Saxton: The goal is to raise awareness of sustainability and that is the purpose of these parking spaces.

Mr. Saxton describes what constitutes a "green vehicle". In general, the Transportation Committee Preferred Parking recommendations are:

- Green Vehicles are those with a combined EPA MPG of 34 or greater.
- Do not specifically identify the vehicles and rely on citizens to honor the Preferred Parking.
- No penalty for non "Green Vehicle parking in Preferred Parking
- Put eight preferred parking spaces in each of the garages, with ten others in the downtown area.
- Identify the preferred parking spaces with a sign.

General discussion on different types of energy efficient vehicles.

Mr. Saxton: Would like to get approval from the Commission to go forward.

Mr. Scalf: I would like to suggest a website to inform public of what vehicles are green.

General discussion on using the City's Live Green pages to inform citizens and visitors on where to go to obtain green vehicle information.

Mr. Ballash: Make a motion for approval with an addition to the bottom of the sign that states for more information go to the City's website and link from there.

Dr. Moore: Seconded the motion.

All approved motion.

#### **COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

Mr. Orr: The plan is very brief only 10-12 pages long. There are less action items, only 14, down from 26. They seek to be more focused and baseline measures were included for many items. There is still some work to be done it, but this provides a good idea.

General discussion of actions 6 and 7 related to Urban Systems.

Mr. Ballash: Concerns are with education of city personnel. There needs to be a Sustainability program within the City for Code and Planning officials so they can be prepared.

General discussion on training of city personnel.

Mr. Orr: 8, 9 and 10 deal with water.

General discussion on irrigation systems and ordinance to adopt by the City. The draft ordinance has not moved forward at this point.

Mr. Orr: Last section is energy. Actions for alternative fuel vehicles.

Mr. Saxton: Is the City looking into purchasing energy efficient cars?

Mr. Orr: The Parks Dept is looking into getting an electric club car that can be used to service several of the parks.

Mr. Orr: Action 12 talks about energy audits.

General discussion.

Mr. Orr: Last page lists the Sustainability Commission.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm