



Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

6:00 PM

Meeting Held Via: Zoom

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call: Nicholas Frisella. Jonathan Spencer, Nancy Schick, Heidi Schoen. Members not in attendance; Ralph Bicknese, Megan Hagerty Homa. Staff present: Laura Miller.
- III. Public Comment:
Jonathan Spencer spoke on behalf of Charlene Oldham from the Maplewood Public Library, she inquired about someone knowledgeable in composting that would be willing to contribute to an article. Heidi Schoen offered to contact Charlene.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from December 1, 2020 Meeting: Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Frisella. All in favor.
- V. Discussion: Sustainability Commission Report to City Council
Staff mentioned the Commission is scheduled to present at the February 23 Council meeting.

The Commission discussed items to include in the presentation:

- EPPP
- Vehicle Charging Station
- Maplewood Building Code

Spencer offered to compile a list of items to share with the Commission.

Schick commented about ADA parking and how it's regulated in the City, feels it has fallen off the City's radar. Maplewood Wash House was cited as an example. Schick asked where to direct complaints. Staff responded to send an email through the City's website.

- VI. Discussion: Maplewood Environmentally-Preferred Purchasing (EPP) Policy
Commission discussed EPP Policy (see attached document).

- Might be limiting when there are budget constraints
- Possibly pick apart and set benchmarks
- Find a balance, start with low hanging fruit

Staff recommended sharing the policy with the department heads for feedback.

VII. Old Business:

- Staff reported that the City will look to adopt the 2021 International Building Codes in 2022 and hope to include an Energy Conservation Code
- The Commission discussed the process of electing officers. Schoen self-nominated for recording secretary. Frisella requested to have the election as an agenda item for the February meeting.
- Spencer spoke with Library about speakers on such topics as bats, composting, and personal finance. Schick recommended a topic around not raking/mowing in the fall. Schoen suggested energy efficiency.
- Schick asked why the City does not provide fruit trees to plant. Staff responded that it was most likely due to liability.
- Spencer mentioned program ideas and benefits that Maplewood residents have.

VIII. New Business

IX. Adjournment