

# City of Brookings

## Sustainability Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 4:00 PM City/County Government Center; Room 300

Sustainability Council Members: ~~Bruce Pengra~~, ~~Cynthia Kunkel~~, Louis Hesler, Albert Patin, ~~Samuel Krueger~~, Anthony Shanks, Robin Buterbaugh, Emily Abele, Kiley Rath, Kyle Jamison, and SDSU Student Representative Valentyna Stopul, City Staff: Samantha Beckman Assistant to the City Manager

### 1. Call to Order

T. Shanks

### 2. Approval of the [Ammended] Agenda

Motion to Approve: R. Buterbaugh

Second: A. Patin

Aye: All          Opposed: None

### 3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve: L. Hesler

Second: R. Buterbaugh

Aye: All          Opposed: None

### 4. Open Forum

*At this time, any member of the public may request time on the agenda for an item not listed. Items are not typically scheduled for the end of the meeting; however, very brief announcements of invitations will be allowed at this time.*

### 5. City Update - Samantha Beckman

- Landfill parking lot pavement complete
- Landfill equipment building in progress
- Collection truck (1/3) wrapped in vinyl recycling awareness messaging; debuted at Hobo Day parade
- Master Transportation Plan ongoing
- Parks Staff + Robin attended National Recreation and Parks Association Sustainability in Practice 8-week cohort
- Solventum coming to a November City Council meeting for PFAS update
- Parks Department has started to weatherize locations/irrigation
- Pickleball Courts completed
- R. Buterbaugh: Urban Forestry Initiative/Stormwater Master Program: Community of Harrisonbuerg Virginia – Community Conservation Initiatives has it under one umbrella.
- Charlie Kuhn - Solid Waste Manager:
  - Two more recycling trucks will be wrapped by the end of the year.

- New Christmas Lights Recycling Program beginning this year at 6 locations (emptied weekly) throughout Brookings starting in November.
- Jessica Wellu—Communications Specialist primarily work working with Public Works initiatives.

## 6. No Mow May/Bee City Updates

- No Mow May - R. Buterbaugh:
  - Talked through complaints that came up last year, and talked through alternatives.
  - Discontinuing No Mow May has been recommended; would need to rescind city ordinance for it.
  - Now Mow May was great for raising awareness, but moving forward, we will focus on Bee City USA, which we are approved to move forward with the application process.
    - Under that umbrella: supporting and expanding initiatives for rain gardens, native grasses etc.
- Bee City USA - A. Shanks: Currently refining the application with the Parks Department. Will take Draft Resolution in front of City Council within the next couple of months. Goal to submit application by the end of the year.

## 7. Bylaws Discussion

## 8. Discussion & Action on Mission Statement Update

- *Proposed Language: To champion sustainability in the heart of Brookings, our council unites volunteers, businesses, and residents. We're committed to creating a resilient and ecologically-conscious community, fostering environmental, social, and economic well-being. Through education, innovation, and collaborative action, we strive for a greener, healthier, and more equitable future. Join us in building a legacy of sustainability that reflects our pride in the City of Brookings and inspires communities far beyond.*

## 9. 2024/2025 Strategic Plan - Accomplished/Future Objectives

- Amend Goal 1B: to say "...sustainability-themed promotion (i.e. social media, etc.)"
- Amend Goal 1C: to update with "No Mow May" alternatives. "Transition from 'No Mow May' to support 'Bee City, USA' Resolution and initiatives."
- Amend Goal 2C: Omit first sentence.
- Amend Goal 3B to state "...encourage usage of local financial resources promoting energy efficiency."
- Amend Goal 4A: "City of Brookings to provide social media posts on waste reductions methods."

- Amend Goal 4C: delete “manual.”
- Rewrite Goals 5A and 5B.

**10. 2024/2025 Budget Discussion**

- a. Motion to approve \$500 additional 5 decently sized trees for Food Forest.

Moved: E. Abele      Second: A. Patin      Aye: All      Opposed: None

- b. Motion to apportion \$500 additional for fencing to surround the Food Forest.

Moved: R. Buterbaugh      Second: E. Abele      Aye: All      Opposed: None

**11. Updates/Reports from Subcommittees**

- a. Education and Outreach
  - i. No Updates
- b. Climate Action Plan
  - i. No Updates
- c. Waste
  - i. No Updates
- d. Energy
  - i. No Updates
- e. Local Foods

- i. R. Buterbaugh: Soil Testing will happen by next month - City will be billed.

- li. Food Forest signage in the works. Goal to order by end of year.

**12. Updates from Liaisons**

- a. Parks and Recreation Board
  - i. No Updates
- b. Planning Commission
  - i. No Updates
- c. Historic Preservation
  - i. No Updates
- d. Local Emergency Planning Commission
  - i. No Updates
- e. BATA
  - i. No Updates

**Call for Future Agenda Items**

None

**13. Adjourn**

Motion to Adjourn: E. Abele

Second: A. Patin                      Aye: All Opposed: None

*Respectfully submitted by Kiley Rath.*