

Sustainability Commission Meeting

December 5, 2022

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Renee Ruchotzke

Roll Call: Renee Ruchotzke, MaryJayne Stone, Wilder Hritz

Absent: Andy Scholl, Rick Hawksley

Ad Hoc Members Present: Judy Nelson, Bill Wilen

Staff: Patti Long, Assistant to the City Manager

Approval of the agenda:

Motion made to approve by Ms. Stone, seconded by Wilder Hritz. Approved by vote, 4-0.

Meeting Summary Minutes:

Minutes filed, no adjustments.

Public Comment

None

Old Business:

- a. Ad Hoc Update – Ms. Long recapped the events that took place the week of October 10-14, 2022 and asked for member's thoughts. Members felt it was a positive experience in spite of fewer residents attending the townhall than they had hoped. Ms. Long explained that after the visit, the Keramida team compiled the ideas and began vetting and organizing them into categories to create a potential list of initiatives. The draft of the list of those items will be available for review in the end of January. The Commission and Ad Hoc members will have the opportunity to respond with comments before the final draft is ready near the end of February. In March it will go to Council. Once the final draft is available it will be posted on the City website.

Pending Business:

- a. Kent Environmental Council has a potluck on Jan. 24th including discussion tables.
- b. Farmers Market – Changed to the indoor location December through March. Ms. Ruchotzke mentioned concerns about the sustainability house collecting dust and would be happy to leave it for the group or possibility to be used by KEC. She will follow up next year.
- c. The Noxious Weed ordinance from Akron was submitted by Ms. Ruchotzke for consideration for adoption in Kent to allow pollinator pockets to remain in Kent. Motion for review for adoption made by Ms. Stone, seconded by Mr. Wilder. Approved by vote, 3-0. No discussion.
- d. Ms. Ruchotzke mentioned that Randy Bish and Randy Ruchotzke are still exploring the possibility of community composting in Kent, with help from Rubber City Re-use.

New Business

None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. Motion made by Mr. Hritz, seconded by Ms. Stone.

Approved by vote, 3-0

Next Meeting

February 6th p.m. in the Kent Police Department Chief's Conference Room, 3rd floor.