

**ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 21, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof the meeting of the Environmental & Sustainability Task Force (Task Force) of the City of Rosemount was called to order on May 21, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Steeple Center conference room 202, 14375 S Robert Trail, Rosemount.

Attendees included Task Force Members: John Smith (vice-chair), Katie Koch-Laveen, Karen Malkowski, Nathan Marks, Vanessa DeMuth, and Victoria Schlautman.

Staff present included the following;

- Derick Anderson, Senior Engineer Technician, Public Works Department

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Items Removed from Agenda:

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Subcommittee Reports
 - Comprehensive Plan Comments – Victoria
 - Energy Action Plan
 - City Plan Implementation Update - Brian Task Force Implementation Update
 - Residential Outreach – Karen

NEW BUSINESS

- b. Low Income Engagement Exchange – Vanessa

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by John Smith, **Second** by Karen Malkowski

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2019 Environmental & Sustainability Task Force meeting.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. **John Exner, Dakota County – Organics Drop Off**

John Exner presented a powerpoint to educate Task Force Members on the current locations in Dakota county for organics drop off, how to sign up as a resident, and plans for future development of organics recycling in Dakota County.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Subcommittee Reports**

Business Blitz Update

- Vanessa talked to 24 businesses about receiving an energy audit. Three are in the process of signing up for an audit.

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- Vanessa and Katie participated in clean-up project with 250 students from Rosemount elementary. It went well but they received comments about the use of plastic bags for collecting the trash. It was suggested that we look into an alternative for future events. The children also expressed an interest in cleaning up an area with more trash.

NEW BUSINESS

a. **Formatting of the Minutes**

Derick will send out a Microsoft Word template to be used when recording Task Force minutes.

c. **Green Awards**

Katie had several applications from other cities. We discussed what we would like the criteria for awards to be and whether they would be open to just businesses or to both businesses and residents. John will research what other communities use as their criteria and report back next meeting.

d. **Events**

Waffle breakfast during Leprechaun Days, we will again be on site with compostable plates, cups and utensils and this year we will have a table with information on composting organics. Vanessa requested that we vote to ask the City Council to fund \$173 for the purchase of 1000 plates and utensils. This was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 6:45 PM

Next Task Force Meeting June 18th, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

John Smith
Task Force Member