Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 8/5/2026

A Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting was held at the Government Office Building at 125 N. Division Street room 306.

Members in attendance: Noah Bressman, Christina Williams, Sarah Yamakawa, Elise Trelegan, David Burt, Brooke Orr, Izabell Wilk, Karen Cooper
Members of the public in attendance: Mike Angelot, Alena Wright

Staff in attendance: Travis Huff

City Council in attendance: Melissa Holland

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Elise. Attendees introduced themselves and engaged in a brief ice breaker.

Approval of Minutes

- July minutes approved (Motion: Christina; Second: Sarah; Approved)

Society of St. Andrew Presentation (SoSA) (Alena Wright)

- Alena presented SoSA's food rescue and gleaning program, which works with local gardens, farmers, volunteers, and feeding agencies.
- The group discussed establishing a recurring gleaning day at local community gardens.
- SoSA can provide volunteers and approximate quantities of food collected will be tracked for reporting

Community Gardens

- Gardens continue to require regular watering due to dry conditions.
- Damaged squash was replaced with green beans, tomatoes are nearing the end of their season, and an overgrown bed will be converted to an herb garden.

Shore Blooms

- The Shore Blooms grant is substantially complete, with the fall meadow installation remaining. Approximately $10,000 remains, and a 6-month extension through July 2027 was secured.
- Remaining funds may support the meadow, educational events, and additional garden installations.

City Updates

- The Comprehensive Plan is undergoing final Planning Commission review.
- The City and County are considering restrictions on large-scale data centers, and state requirements will allow Accessory Dwelling Units in residential districts.

- Waterside Park restroom and pavilion construction is expected to be completed by early September.
- North Prong Park properties environmental assessments are finishing up, the City is continuing to work on acquiring remaining properties.
- War Memorial stormwater bio retention pond is being installed to help address flooding.
- Melissa shared the City is considering purchasing an aquatic harvester but has concerns that the harvester will not treat underlying nutrient pollution and concerned about having enough staff to run it.

Social Media

- Members were encouraged to submit posts for upcoming content including garden updates, native species, fish identification, and environmental education.

Adjournment

At 6:36pm Dave motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brooke seconded the motion and the meeting ended.