

Sustainability Commission

The Sustainability Commission was started in 2009 to provide advice to the City Council concerning environmental issues and initiatives in the City. The commission is charged with recommending a sustainability plan to the City Council. Plans were brought to the City Council to create a Sustainability Commission in September of 2008. The first meeting of the commission was not held until 2009.

The Sustainability commission was proposed at the September 22, 2008 City Council meeting. Later that year the City Council approved the formation of a Sustainability Commission at the November 10 council meeting. At the next council meeting on November 24, ordinance No. 451 was passed creating the Sustainability Commission. The Ordinance was signed by Mayor Donna Dummer on December 8, 2008. The first meeting of the Sustainability of the Commission was held on March 24, 2009 with nine members in attendance.

The current mission of the Commission is to ensure a healthy and safe environment, strive to enhance and preserve the community's natural resources. Direct wise energy uses by thoughtful consumption practices and energy production, and reduce pollution of the environment and promote alternative practices

The current Sustainability Commission is composed of nine to fifteen citizen members with the purpose of providing advice to the City Council concerning environmental issues and initiatives confronting the City. The Commission works with citizens, government, businesses and local community organizations to protect and preserve the ecological resources of the community so that they are in balance with the cultural, historic, recreational, and economic resources of our river and land for generations to come. Specifically, the commission is charged

with recommending a sustainability plan to the City Council; assisting and advising the Council, Planning Commission and other City agencies in assessing the environmental impact of proposed undertakings; recommending environmental policies; completing studies; developing educational programs; and establishing volunteer programs and opportunities.