

# Ogden City Council Work Session

Council Staff Review



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<b>Item Type:</b>	Annual Report
<b>Description:</b>	Annual report of the Ogden City Sustainability Committee
<b>Department:</b>	Public Services
<b>Division:</b>	Engineering
<b>Action Requested:</b>	No Action
<b>Public Input:</b>	N/A

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## Executive Summary

Representatives from the Ogden City Sustainability Committee will present an annual report, highlighting the committee's accomplishments throughout the year.

## Background

In November of 2018, the City Council adopted an ordinance that created the Natural Resources and Sustainability Stewardship Committee. In 2024 the name of the committee was changed to the Sustainability Committee. Ogden Municipal Code (3-31-1) states that the purpose of the committee is to "advise the city council and the mayor in matters pertaining to citizen education programs relating to sustainable environmental practices and responsible stewardship of the city's natural resources."

Representatives from the committee will present a list of meeting dates and accomplishments including key events that the committee participated in. The committee will also present their goals for the upcoming year.

## Timeline

**September 3, 2024**

The Committee will present the annual report.

## Attachments

1. Administrative Transmittal

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**Administrative Staff Contact: Lorenzo Long, (801)-629-8112**

**Council Staff Contact: Steve Burton, (801)-629-8629**





# Committee Reports

**Report Type:** Annual Report

**Committee:** Sustainability

**Department:** Public Services

**Division:** Engineering

**Ogden City Code §:** 3-31-1 to 3-31-7

**Reporting Date:** Period Covering from 8/1/2023 to 9/3/2024

**Sunset Date:** 12/31/2024

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## Committee Purpose

The Sustainability Committee advises the mayor and city council on policies pertaining to citizen education programs relating to sustainable environmental practices and responsible stewardship of Ogden's natural resources.

## Committee Membership/Representation

Name	Committee Role	Representing
Daniel Bedford	Chair; and chair of EnergyWise Subcommittee	Education Community
Taylor Lee	Member	District 1
Julez Garcia	Member	District 2
Jonathan Melton	Member; co-chair, EV Charging and Parking Subcommittee	District 3
Erika McDonald	Member	District 4
Tara Saley	Vice Chair; co-chair, EV Charging and Parking Subcommittee	At-Large (1)
Stephanie Vaughn	Member; chair, Recycling Subcommittee	At-Large (2)
Lena Morgan	Member	At-Large (3)
Julie Casey	Member	At-Large (4)
Kaiya Clark	Member	High School Student (1)
Derek Martinez-Lopez	Member	High School Student (2)
Lorenzo Long	Staff Liaison	Ogden City
Steve Burton	City Council Staff	Ogden City Council



# Committee Reports

## Meeting Dates

The committee met on the following dates in 2023:

- September 28 (as the Natural Resources and Sustainability Stewardship Committee, until May 2024, when the name of the committee was changed to Sustainability Committee)
- October 26
- November 16
- December 7

The committee met on the following dates in 2024:

- January 25
- February 22
- March 28
- April 25
- May 23 (as the Sustainability Committee, from this meeting onwards)
- June 27
- July 25
- August 22

The recycling subcommittee, with a quorum of Sustainability Committee members, met on October 27, 2023, and January 8, 2024. Other subcommittees, and the recycling subcommittee without a quorum, met informally at various intervals throughout the year.

## Primary Accomplishment(s) for the Year

At the *full committee* level:

- Tabled at many public events, as follows:

• 8/19/23	– Ogden Farmers Market
• 9/9/23	– Ogden Farmers Market
• 3/21/24	– Intermountain Sustainability Summit
• 4/20/24	– Ogden Nature Center Earth Day Event
• 6/1/24	– Weber Basin Water Garden Fair
• 5/16/24	– Twilight Concert
• 6/22/24	– Twilight Concert
• 7/5/24	– Twilight Concert
• 7/6/24	– Twilight Concert
• 8/8/24	– Twilight Concert
• 8/14/24	– Twilight Concert
• 8/23/24	– Twilight Concert
• 8/29/24	– Twilight Concert



# Committee Reports

- Grew membership from 4 to 11
- Reformed subcommittees as follows:
  - Energy Wise Ogden
  - Recycling
  - EV Charging and Parking
- Changed committee name and membership requirements via ordinance
- Wrote two letters to the mayor

At the *subcommittee* level:

- **Recycling Subcommittee**
  - Organized tour of Wasatch Integrated Material Resource Facility
  - Implemented recycling efforts at Twilight Concert Series
    - Over 300 pounds of recyclable materials collected thus far
      - Bottles: 87.93 lbs
      - Cans: 65.06 lbs
      - Cups: 153.01lbs
    - Began gathering qualitative and quantitative data to inform potential future recycling efforts or policies.
- **EV Charging and Parking Subcommittee**
  - Advised Ogden City Planning Department on best practices for residential EV charging requirements and locations
    - Reviewed past reports
    - Investigated best practices nationally
    - Drafted new report; discussed with, and solicited feedback from, Planning Department
    - Information from report was presented by Barton Brierley in a council work session
    - Expansion of report now in progress
- **Energy Wise Subcommittee**
  - Organized roundtable event for local businesses
    - Worked with Ogden City Business Development in planning and execution
    - Participation from:
      - Utah Clean Energy
      - ThermWise and WattSmart business program
      - Energy auditors- kW Engineering, Intermountain Industrial Assessment Center
      - Local businesses including Grounds for Coffee and Beehive Cheese



# Committee Reports

## Challenges Facing the Committee (if any)

- **Time:** As a volunteer committee, time is the biggest challenge facing the Sustainability Committee. The committee's work, activities, and effectiveness have been facilitated to a very great degree by Ogden City's hiring of a full time sustainability coordinator on the staff; indeed, it is difficult to overstate the impact of this hiring decision. Nevertheless, committee time remains a scarce resource, and provides a limit to what the committee can accomplish.
- **Prioritization and direction:** there are many issues on which the committee could focus. Guidance from City Council and/or Ogden City and the Mayor's office, regarding which issues they see as most pressing, could be valuable.

## Goals for the Upcoming Year

- At the full committee level, the committee aims to continue to act as a resource for City Council and the Mayor on any topics that arise throughout the year.
- At the subcommittee level, goals are as follows:
  - Recycling Subcommittee: Refine the Twilight Concert Series recycling efforts so they can run autonomously
  - EV Charging and Parking Subcommittee: Provide meaningful input to the code process on EV charging and parking
  - Energy Wise Subcommittee: Continue to pursue goals outlined in Energy Wise Ogden Strategic Implementation Plan

## Contact Information

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# Ogden City Sustainability Committee Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2024



# Major Accomplishments

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- **Grew membership from 4 to 11**
- **Reformed subcommittees**
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# Events Attended

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# Recycling Subcommittee

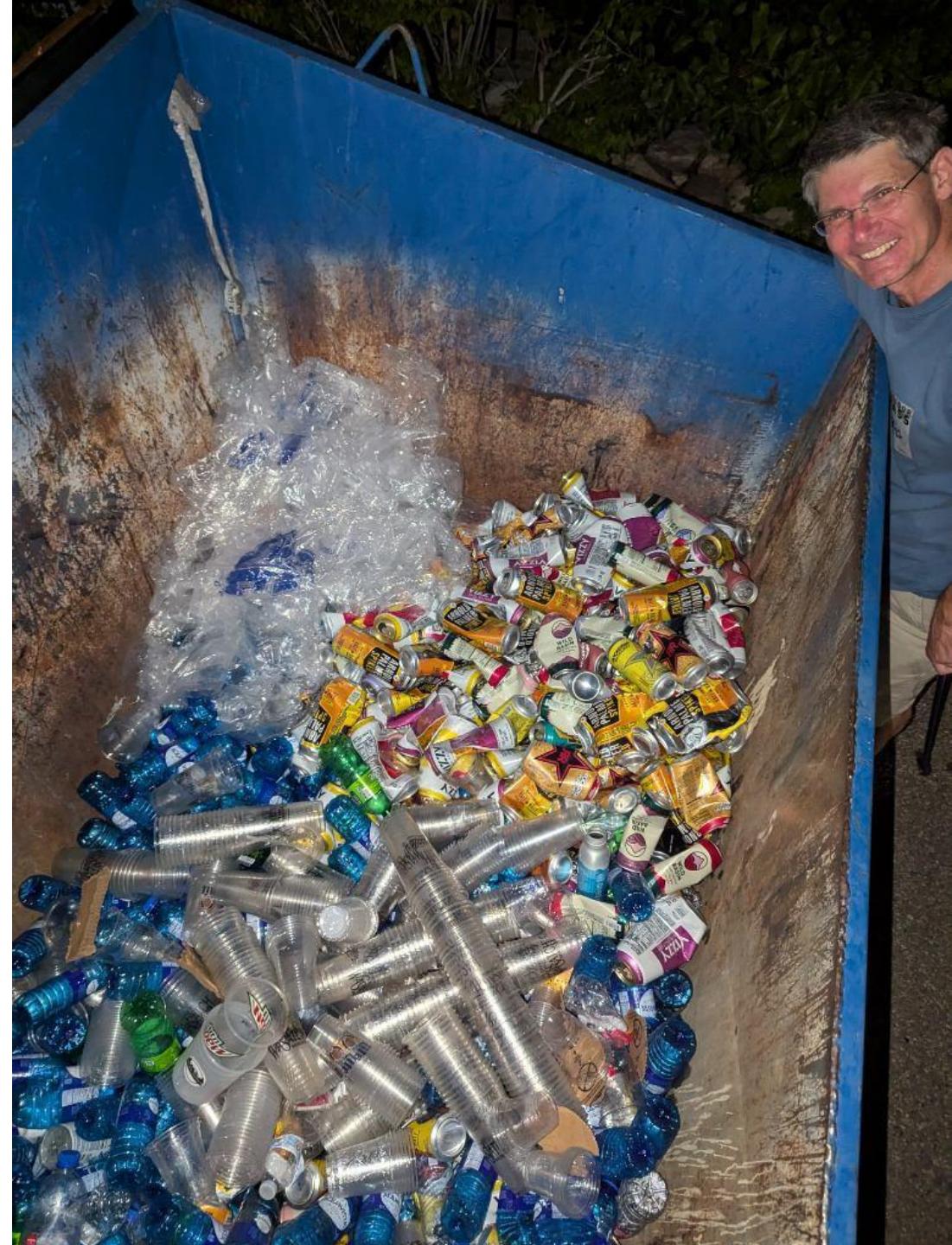
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Twilight Concert Series, June 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
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Concert  
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22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.



# Clear signage....



# Clear signage leads to....



# Clean recycling!



- “Attached is a photo I took from the first time we used the bin. Again, we did not moderate this bin or clean it during the event. We wanted to know how people used it. This is how clean the recycling was by adding incredibly clear signage.”

--Stephanie Vaughn

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# Challenges

- **Committee Time**
  - Hiring a sustainability coordinator has been the single most impactful action taken by Ogden City thus far.
- **Priorities and direction**
  - What are the most pressing sustainability issues on which the committee can make a contribution?



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# Thank You

