



SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING

AGENDA SECTION	BUSINESS ITEMS
MEETING DATE	AUGUST 12, 2026

ITEM:	Costume Swap		
Presenting Item: Will Rottler, Communications Director			
DEPARTMENT: Communications		BY/DATE: August 6, 2026	
CORE CITY STRATEGIES: (please indicate areas that apply by adding an "X" in front of the selected text below)			
☐ Community that Grows with Purpose and Equity		☐ Engaged, Effective and Forward-Thinking	
☐ High Quality Public Spaces		☒ Resilient and Prosperous Economy	
☐ Safe, Accessible and Built for Everyone		☐ Inclusive and Connected Community	

BACKGROUND

The City Parks and Recreation Department is looking to partner with the Sustainability Commission in creating a Costume Swap event to be held before Halloween. The Event will be an opportunity for share and exchange gently used or new costumes to reduce the number of items headed to the landfill.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT STATUS

Below is an example of outreach for the event

"On XXXX, the City of Columbia Heights Parks & Recreation Department is partnering with the City's Sustainability Commission to host its inaugural Halloween Costume Swap. This event will take place in the Murzyn Hall Senior Center (530 Mill St NE) from XXXXX.

The goal of costume swap is to provide a new life for gently used or new Halloween costumes while reducing the number of items that head to the landfill. This is a great opportunity if your child has outgrown last year's costume or if you're looking to save money on a costume for this year.

If you have a gently used or new Halloween costume, you'd like to donate, please bring your items to Murzyn Hall by XXXXXXXXXX. Murzyn Hall is open Monday through Friday, 8 am-4:30 pm.

There is no cost to participate in the Halloween Costume Swap, just stop-by Murzyn Hall between 6-8 pm on XXXXXXXXXX."

Staff is seeking input and assistance from the Sustainability Commission regarding:

1. Staffing the Event
2. Helping Sort the costumes prior to the event
3. Tabling at the event with information for the community