

CHAPTER 7 SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE¹

2-7-1: Establishment and Title:

There is hereby established and created a committee to be known as the Sandpoint sustainability committee (hereinafter "committee").

(Ord. No. 1417, § 1, 5-1-2024)

2-7-2: Statement of Purpose:

It is the purpose of the committee to act in an advisory capacity to the mayor and city council to aid in the process of effective, responsible, and efficient government, with the goal of enhancing connectivity, promoting good stewardship, ensuring resilience and fostering socioeconomic health. The goal of the committee is to make recommendations that allow the city to meet the needs of the present, without compromising the ability to meet the needs of future generations.

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2-7-3: Organization:

- A. Appointment: The committee shall consist of no fewer than five (5) and no more than nine (9) voting members, to be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council. A majority of the members shall live within Sandpoint city limits.
- B. Members: The committee shall include the following:
 - 1. A city council liaison, appointed by the mayor, with the consent of the city council person being appointed. The city council liaison shall hold office corresponding with their respective tenure in elected office and may be removed and replaced by the mayor. The city council liaison is a nonvoting member of the committee.
 - 2. Members of the public, the majority of whom shall have experience and/or expertise related to sustainability.
 - 3. Ex officio members may include a Sandpoint city staff member designated by the mayor to serve as a staff liaison, providing expertise and/or knowledge regarding relevant city projects and challenges related to issues surrounding sustainability in Sandpoint, as well as an additional city staff member designated to serve as committee clerk. Ex officio members shall hold office corresponding with their respective tenures in their regular city administrative positions and may be removed and replaced by the mayor.
- C. Committee Terms and Vacancies: Each member of the committee shall serve a term of three (3) years or until his or her successor is appointed and confirmed. Initial appointments to the committee shall be made

¹Ord. No. 1417, § 1, adopted May 1, 2024, amended chapter 7 in its entirety to read as herein set out. Former chapter 7, §§ 2-7-1—2-7-4, pertained to similar subject matter, and derived from Ord. 1283, adopted June 19, 2013.

as follows: one or two (2) 1-year terms; one or two (2) 2-year terms; and one or two (2) 3-year terms. All additional appointments shall be made at the discretion of the mayor (evenly staggered if there are fewer members). Committee members may be reappointed to serve an additional term, with a limit of two (2) full 3-year terms. Vacancies arising in any member's position shall be filled for the remaining term of the member originally appointed. The mayor shall fill any vacancies, with new members to be confirmed by the city council.

- D. Quorum: A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum and conduct any business at any committee meeting.
- E. Removal Of Members: Any member of the committee may be removed, with or without cause, by the mayor, with the consent of the city council.
- F. Nonpolitical/No Compensation: The members of the committee shall be selected without regard to political affiliations and shall serve without compensation.
- G. Organization: At the first meeting of each fiscal year or as soon thereafter as practicable, the members of the committee shall meet and organize to elect a chairperson, vice chairperson, and fill such other offices as determined necessary. The chairperson shall preside at meetings of the committee. The vice chairperson shall, when the chairperson is absent, perform the duties of the chairperson.

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2-7-4: Duties:

The committee shall:

- A. Hold meetings at least four (4) times per year, governed by the Idaho Open Meetings Law and the city's adopted parliamentary procedure and Rules of Civility and Decorum at Public Meetings;
- B. Review existing policies related to sustainability and propose new policies that align with best practices and emerging trends in sustainability;
- C. Facilitate community outreach through engagement efforts to raise awareness about sustainability issues and gather input from residents on potential solutions as directed by the mayor or city council;
- D. Collect and analyze data related to energy use, waste generation, transportation patterns, and other relevant metrics to assess the city's sustainability performance and identify areas for improvement;
- E. Advocate for sustainable practices and educate residents, businesses, and other stakeholders about the importance of sustainability and ways they can contribute;
- F. Evaluate proposed parks, public works, infrastructure, and development projects and initiatives for their potential environmental impact and sustainability benefits, providing recommendations for improvements or alternatives; and
- G. Make requests for funding for sustainability-focused studies or analysis to inform city policy and actions.

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