

# UA Sustainability Council || Agenda

Feb 21, 2023  
3:00-4:30PM  
MS Teams  
Tuesday



1. Co-chair updates
  - a. Associate Vice Chancellor, Facilities Management, Scott Turley
    - i. Lower Mullins creek is getting restored this summer and the plans are in design in collaboration with the Watershed Conservation Resource Center.
      1. This will include another natural surface trail that will be a small segment of the Fayetteville traverse.
    - ii. UA System has issued an “intent to award” with Scenic Hills Solar in December 2022 for an over 60MW solar array for the entire UA System.
    - iii. The previous UA Fayetteville SSA is seeking Public Service Commission approval for a 5.1MW array, which will save the campus millions of dollars.
  - b. Director of Sustainability Academic Programs, Ken McCown
  - c. ASG Sustainability Director, Michael Dortch
2. Fayetteville Climate Action Plan (Peter Nierengarten)
  - a. Resolution that the city council passed in 2021, that aims to broaden the current 2018 energy action plan to include natural environment ecosystems and climate resilience.
  - b. It’s meant to be a tool to help inform policies and programs, especially when it comes to managing natural land the city owns.
  - c. It’s also meant to address climate change and the impacts that come with it that we have already begun to see—extreme flooding, heat stress, and drought stress.
  - d. Climate action plan is broken into two categories—nature-based solutions designed to help the city become more resilient, and energy action designed to help the city minimize carbon emissions.

- e. Public input and survey coming in March/April to the community & public meetings. Final draft to be done late this year.
3. UA Commuter Survey Data (Ammen Jordan)
- a. OFS uses this data to help FAMA make informed decisions for future investments about the trend towards active transportation as well as sustainability reporting to AASHE Starts, League of American Cyclists, etc.
  - b. Transportation demand management – the idea of using our current infrastructure more efficiently—how to reduce parking stress without building more parking garages, reduce single occupancy vehicles to alternative modes.
  - c. In 2015, 60% of campus affiliates drove alone to campus and that has gone down to 51% in 2022. Transit ridership has also dropped from 16% to 13% since 2015. This is largely due to the increased use of alternative modes of transportation like escooters, apartment shuttles, bicycles, etc.
  - d. Full data set attached.
4. Campus Loop (Eric Boles)
- a. The campus loop is a proposed extension of the previously completed Oak Ridge Paved trail to connect it north to Maple Street, creating a complete paved multi-use loop around campus and a direct connection to the greenway.
  - b. One small spur of this trail is scheduled to be built this summer; the rest of the trail completion is TBD.
  - c. This loop is key to helping commuters and pedestrians alike navigate campus easier, as well as provide a safe on-campus amenity for recreation.
  - d. The Maple Street Renovation grant that is the other key to closing the loop is set to be submitted early next week.
5. UA Adopt-a-Trail Program (Eric Boles)
- a. Newly launched program in which different groups around campus adopted segments of the new Traverse Trail on campus to keep clean and looking nice.
  - b. They are required to host three 1-hour clean-ups per semester and so far have had great success and enthusiasm from students, and the OFS provides all the needed supplies.

6. Good-of-the-Order
7. Adjourn
8. Next meeting is April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023