



## Green Practices Commission

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### Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

**March 10, 2016**

Location: Heman Park Community Center  
Attendees Present: Dianne Benjamin, Bob Elgin, Tim Michels, Jeff Mishkin,  
Steve Kraft (Council Liaison), Jenny Wendt (Staff Liaison)

Absent: Richard Juang, Scott Eidson, Lois Sechrist  
Guests: Tom Dunne and Gary Brinkmann, Sebright Industries  
Kathleen Beebe and Debra Pottinger, Ameren PurePower  
Bob Henkel, Program Director, St. Louis Earth Day

1. Meeting called to Order, Roll Call at 6:05 p.m.
2. Opening Round
  - a) Tim will be attending a meeting April 11 – 12 in Columbia about Advancing Renewables in the Midwest.
  - b) Bob discussed the email he sent about Ameren's "21st Century Grid Modernization and Security Act" presentation that was held to convey the need to upgrade the grid.
  - c) Jenny announced she was working with Emily Andrews through the US Green Building Council – Missouri Gateway Chapter to hire an intern, who will perform the Greenhouse Gas Inventory to comply with requirements for the Compact of Mayors.
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a) February 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes were agreed upon with no amendments. There was no quorum at the March 10 meeting so approval will be tabled until the April 14 meeting.
4. Special Presentations
  - a) Ameren Pure Power – Kathleen Beebe, Debra Pottinger
    - i. In the EPA Green Power Community program, a city commits to meeting a minimum percentage of their annual electricity use with green power. This can be accomplished with the purchase of Green-e certified Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs), as well as by installing on-site solar power. In St. Louis, the program is partnered with Ameren's Pure Power program and Microgrid Energy.
    - ii. Creve Coeur and Maplewood are the cities in the St. Louis area which have completed the program. Clayton completed the program a few years ago but has not participated lately.
    - iii. See attached for detailed information.
  - b) Waste to Energy – Tom Dunne and Gary Brinkmann
    - i. Gary Brinkmann represents Sebright Industries, which is a company specializing in waste and recycling equipment. Sebright is partnering with Tom Dunne, former CEO of Fred Weber Inc. to create a waste to energy plant.
    - ii. Gary and Tom are determining if St. Louis is a good market for this plant and are asking for letters of intent from cities.
    - iii. University City could benefit from a 20% reduction in landfill fees. If the City agrees, an agreement to lock in the rate and number of years would be negotiated.

- iv. In late April, Gary would like to schedule a tour of a partially-functional plant in Chicago IL.
  - v. See attached for detailed information.
5. New Business
- a) Proposed Solar Installations
    - i. Tim developed a solar installation proposal for several University City buildings including Firehouses 1 and 2, Centennial Commons, Library, and possibly the maintenance yard structure.
    - ii. Tim suggested that the City create a private/public partnership to provide financial assistance as well as possibly using the PACE program.
    - iii. Tim will develop a more detailed proposal of a small project to clearly indicate how funding would work for the City.
  - b) Finalizing Goals and Sub-Committee Designations – TABLED
  - c) April Council Meeting and Study Session – TABLED
  - d) Parks Foundation:
    - i. Jenny attended a Parks Foundation Meeting to discuss projects that can be coordinated with the GPC.
    - ii. The Majerus Park Master Plan is underway, Fogerty Park Design and Construction is also beginning soon.
    - iii. The Parks Foundation is eager to provide funding and assistance to the parks projects.
    - iv. Persimmon, paw paw and pecan trees are planned for Millar Park.
    - v. Jenny will continue communicating with the Parks Foundation on parks projects.
6. Old Business – NONE
7. Reports – NONE
8. Closing Round – NONE
9. Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm