

Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

April 14, 2016

DRAFT

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

Absent: Richard Juang, Scott Eidson, Lois Sechrist

1. Meeting called to Order, Roll Call at 6:06 p.m.
2. Opening Round
 - a) Jeff attended the University City Chamber of Commerce Meeting. He also mentioned “Happy Birthday” to Lois.
 - b) Tim will be attended a session at Hawthorn Foundation organization that promotes economic development for Missouri with an emphasis on encouraging more renewable energy.
 - c) Dianne attended the Recycling Extravaganza and talked to P2D2 (Prescription Pill and Drug Disposal) about prescription drug disposal. At this point University City Police are not part of P2D2. However, Olivette, Overland, and other nearby municipalities are part of P2D2.
 - d) Bob attended a housing code meeting at St. Louis County headquarters. No firm decision was made on building code pertaining to energy efficiency for residential housing.
 - e) Jenny announced the Loop Clean-up Event on April 23rd in relation to Earth Day as well as the Electronics Recycling Event on May 7th.
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a) February 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes were approved.
 - b) March 10, 2016 Meeting Minutes were approved.
4. Special Presentations
 - a) None
5. New Business
 - a) US Green Building Council – Missouri Gateway Chapter – Regional Environmental Internship Program (REIP) resolution
 - i. Jenny discussed the need for a resolution stating that the City is interested in reducing climate change and agrees to utilize the REIP for a greenhouse gas inventory.
 - ii. The Commission moved that the City Council pass a resolution fostering collaboration with United States Green Building Council (USGBC) to secure an intern for the purposes of an energy consumption and carbon pollution inventory to help develop carbon pollution reduction plan.
 - iii. The Commission requests that staff create exact language from a draft resolution provided by REIP and bring this to City Council for approval.
 - b) Schedule Council Meeting and Study Session
 - i. The Commission tentatively decided that a Study Session and Council presentation be scheduled for either the June 13 or 27 City Council meeting date to

review the GPC's successes and future goals.

- c) Decision/Consensus on Ameren Pure Power
 - i. The Commission agreed that the City should not join the Ameren Pure Power Challenge and will not endorse the program through City avenues.
 - ii. The Commission agreed that money should go toward its own renewable projects. Ameren's advertising opportunities are such that the City's endorsement is not needed for that program's success. .
 - iii. In addition, if the City endorses this program, an opening is created for other requests for endorsement.
 - d) Discussion – Waste to Energy (Sebright Industries)
 - i. The Commission would like to know more details about the process before any further discussion.
 - ii. Sebright has been asked to provide information to the Commission.
6. Old Business – NONE
- a) Proposed Solar Installations - Tabled
7. Reports – NONE
- a) Ecosystems/ Habitat – Dianne Benjamin
 - i. Majerus Park Master Plan – Dianne expressed the need for GPC to have a representative at the April 19th public meeting to cover items such as: Solid waste collection, stormwater management, energy efficient lighting, native planting, etc. Jenny will be present and will make sure these items are included.
 - ii. Dianne found the Parks Master Plan on the City's website and found that there was no mention of sustainability. Jenny will find out when the next Master Plan is due.
 - iii. Weeding was successfully completed at the butterfly garden on Vernon – about a dozen volunteers attended. A similar garden will soon be planted at the Sutter-Meyer House.
8. Closing Round – Commission unanimously agreed that Councilmember Kraft will be missed as he was very dedicated to the Commission's goals and encouraging the Commission's endeavors.
9. Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm