



Green Practices Commission

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Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

August 11, 2016

Location: Heman Park Community Center
Attendees Present: Dianne Benjamin, Lois Sechrist, Tim Michels, Richard Juang, Jenny Wendt (Staff Liaison)

Absent: Jeff Mishkin, Scott Eidson, Bob Elgin

1. Meeting Called to Order, Roll Call at 6:05 p.m.
2. Opening Round
 - a) Tim discussed The Qualified Energy Conservation Bond program which is a 2.1% interest loan for homeowners. Currently this is only in the City of St. Louis. Tim suggested University City researching this program to see if it can be applied for University City residents.
 - b) Dianne reminded The Commission that U City in Bloom has their Native Plant Event Saturday, August 27 from 9 – 12.
 - c) Jenny announced the next Electronics Recycling Event – October 15. Styrofoam will also be collected.
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a) July 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes were approved as written.
4. Special Presentations
 - a) Ben Perlman, an intern hired by the U.S. Green Building Council through the Regional Environmental Internship Program (REIP), gave an update on the Greenhouse Gas Inventory. He will finish the inventory by the end of August and another intern will be hired at that time to work on hazards reporting and the Climate Action Plan. City Hall has a good energy score, but the new firehouse does not. Tim recommends commissioning for the new firehouse. Ameren incentives could pay for the study.
5. New Business
 - a) Terry Crow will be the new GPC council liaison. Terry provided an updated council report.
 - i. Most of the budget has passed.
 - ii. A special election will be held in November for Steve Kraft's vacant seat. The candidates are still unknown.
 - iii. Council is reviewing feasibility report to renovate the existing police station.
 - iv. The Centene project may affect traffic flow on Forsyth and Jackson.
6. Old Business
 - a) Recycling Drop-Off Renovations: The cardboard compactor will be connected and installation will be completed soon. The project is wrapping up slowly but nicely.
 - b) State Loan update: City Hall HVAC is substantially completed. There are still Centennial Commons HVAC and a few lighting projects to complete.
7. Closing Round – No items
9. Meeting Adjourned at 7:26 p.m.