



Green Practices Commission

6801 Delmar Boulevard, University City, Missouri 63130, Phone: (314) 862-6767, Fax: (314) 863-9146

Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

February, 2017

DRAFT

Location: Heman Park Community Center
Attendees Present: Lois Sechrist (Chairperson), Bob Elgin, Dianne Benjamin, Jonathan Stitelman, Chris Kalter (Staff Liaison), Jenny Wendt (Staff).

Absent: Terry Crow (Council Liaison), Scott Eidson, Richard Juang

1. Meeting Called to Order, Roll Call at 6:00 p.m.
2. Opening Round
 - a. Dianne – Had questions about street lights.
 - b. Lois
 - i. OneSTL Sustainability Summit will be on April 5, 2017 and Lois will be a presenter at the meeting.
 - ii. Partners for Native Landscaping will take place in March
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. January 12, 2017 Meeting Minutes were approved as with minor changes. Lois Sechrist motioned, Bob Elgin seconded and is past unanimously
4. New Business
 - a. David Plair's resignation – Jonathan to reach out to WashU community.
 - b. Health and Energy Festival – CAASTLC – May 13, 2017 – Chris Kalter gave a brief update to let everyone know that the festival was booked for the above date at the HPCC. Volunteers would be needed.
 - c. Compost/Mulch contract – Jenny Wendt went over how the process was done previously and how the new contract works with St. Louis Composting. She discussed the cost savings ~\$200,000/year. She also stated that the next contract bid would be happening this year. Ms. Sechrist asked if there had been any complaints and what the delivery stats were. Ms. Wendt stated that some complaints had come in about not having the free mulch anymore and the increased cost. Ms. Benjamin asked if the Ruth Park Woods site was pervious and was River Des Peres Coalition ok with that site. Mr. Kalter responded that the site is both pervious and non. Ms. Wendt stated that she wasn't sure if RDP was Ok with the site. Several people had questions about yard waste stickers.
5. Old Business
 - a. Sustainability Strategic Plan Update – Jonathan and Lois will work together to come up with a process for addressing this.
 - b. Quarterly Reporting
 - i. Energy
 - a. Bob and Lois reported that the St. Louis County Building Commission approved new code requirements that removed the majority of the energy efficiency requirements from the new code requirements. See attached article. Ms. Wendt wanted to know how people were appointed to the commission.
 - ii. Waste/Resource Conservation
6. Council Liaison Report - Absent
7. Closing Round
8. Meeting Adjourned at 6:59 p.m.