

AGENDA



GREEN PRACTICES COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, April 13 - 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Avenue

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Round
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. 3/9/17 Green Practices Commission Meeting Minutes
4. Special Presentations
 - a. Jessica Bueler, Marketing Director in the Loop – Natives in the Loop
 - b. Public Comments (Limited to 3 minutes for individual's comments and 5 minutes for representatives of groups or organizations)
5. New Business
 - a. US Conference of Mayors 2017 Mayor's Climate Protection Award application
 - b. New GPC member opportunities
6. Old Business
 - a. Sustainability Strategic Plan Update work sessions
 - b. Quarterly reporting
 - Education/Communication/Advocacy – Scott Eidson (*Holdover from last month*)
 - Ecosystem/Habitat – Dianne Benjamin
 - Water/Stormwater – Jonathan Stitelman
7. Council Liaison Report
8. Closing Round
9. Adjournment



Green Practices Commission

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Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

March, 2017

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

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

1. Meeting Called to Order, Roll Call at 6:01 p.m.
2. Opening Round
 - a. Dianne – What happens to banners used in the City? Are they recycled?
 - b. Lois – Rocky Mountain Institute has a community solar program, glass recycling, working with Tim Michels
 - c. Bob Elgin – stated that County Council still needed to vote on the building code
 - d. Jonathan Stitelman– stated he attended a town hall meeting about the WashU proposed bridge.
 - e. Chris Kalter – stated this would be his last meeting as staff liaison and Jenny Wendt would return at the liaison starting in April.
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. February 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes were approved as with minor changes. Lois Sechrist motioned, Bob Elgin seconded and passed unanimously
4. New Business
 - a. Jessica Bueler, Marketing Director for the Loop. Natives in the Loop. – Jessica was unable to make the meeting. Chris Kalter gave a brief description of what she was going to talk about. The commission decided that more information was necessary and would like Jessica to come to another meeting to discuss.
5. Old Business
 - a. Sustainability Strategic Plan Update – Jonathan stated that he is recommending the use of quarterly reports to help with the update of the strategic plan. Several items for updating and improving the plan were discussed.
 - b. Quarterly Reporting – Scott Eidson was not present to give his report
6. Council Liaison Report - Absent
7. Closing Round
 - a. Lois stated that there is a electronic recycling event on March 31st at SLU.
 - b. St. Louis Earth Day will be hosting a recycling collection event in Forest Park on April 1 from 10A – 2P
8. Meeting Adjourned at 7:19 p.m.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Green Practices Commission
FROM: Jenny Wendt – Project Manager
DATE: April 7, 2017
SUBJECT: Update on projects related to sustainability

Please see below for an update on all of the current sustainability related projects for the Department of Public Works and Parks:

State Loan Projects: Successful final walk through with the Department of Economic Development/Division of Energy occurred March 30, 2017.

- Centennial Commons: 1 CO₂ sensor installed
- Centennial Commons lobby pendant lights have been received – need to be installed
- City Hall and Centennial Commons fluorescent tubes and exit lights will be replaced this month
- City Hall exit lights will be replaced this month
- City Hall HVAC boiler replacement is complete
- Pool pumps have been replaced with variable speed pumps (last year)
- City Hall Trinity/Delmar lighting have been replaced with LED – 75% less energy (last year)
- Centennial Commons Parking Lot lights replaced with LED – 60% less energy (last year)
- Centennial Commons Soccer Area Lights replaced with LED – 50% less energy (last year)

Received grant for \$50,000 for 95 gallon recycling carts and toward a robust recycling education program. Remaining residential 65 gallon recycling carts will be replaced with 95 gallon carts.

Recycling Drop-Off Grant – have a few issues to work out with the cardboard compactor, plastic film baler installation, and reducing the opening size in the fence (to avoid car doors, panes of glass, and other non-recyclable items)

Commercial Recycling Grant – Completed. 62 additional businesses are recycling in the Loop and the street-side containers have been successful (besides paper cups!)

MS4 – Jenny participating in the Third Term St. Louis County Stormwater Management Plan Planning Committee. The goal is to come up with a county-wide stormwater management plan in accordance with MS4 goals (municipal separate stormwater system).

Electronics (and Styrofoam) Recycling Event – Scheduled for May 6, 2017.

City will participate in the USGBC Green Cities Challenge (a branch of the Green Business Challenge) again this year, this runs from April through December.

Green Business District Challenge – Working with the Loop Special Business District and Earthways Center (Jean Ponzi) to start a green business district in the Loop. This is another layer of the Green Business Challenge geared toward small businesses who can group together to accomplish green goals.

St. Louis County Department of Public Health: Staff applied for a commercial recycling program for Olive Boulevard since the Loop commercial recycling grant was so successful.

Delmar Blvd pedestrian lights – We are working with a vendor replacing replacement of the Delmar pedestrian lights with LED in FY2017 (by the end of June this year)

Stormwater Runoff at the Nursery – We are working with a consultant and the River Des Peres Coalition to solve some of the leachate and erosion issues at the nursery.

Staff is a part of the Regional Stormwater Management Plan planning committee with other members of the community from MSD, St. Louis County, MoDOT, Missouri Coalition for the Environment, Home Builder's Association, and the Cities of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Ladue, and Creve Coeur.

University City Green Practices Commission Sustainability Strategic Plan | Preliminary Draft

Below is a template for the updated University City Sustainability Strategic Plan. Each member of the Commission should use it to contextualize sustainability practices in the city relative to their sector of expertise.

The intent in using this template, and having the Commission review, edit, and discuss the document, is to establish a cohesive voice across all sectors of the Sustainability Strategic Plan. Each member of the Commission should present a draft of this document during her Quarterly Report. The Commission will discuss and offer edits. We will then approve the sector plan in the following month's meeting.

During the March meeting, we established the goal of creating a document that was easy to reference and use, and would be beneficial for Council Members to make decisions regarding sustainability. We also hoped that the document would reflect the specific challenges and assets of University City, relative to social, economic, and environmental sustainability.

The Sustainability Strategic Plan is intended to be completed by the end of 2017.

Document Structure:

Executive Summary

Green Practices Commission

Sustainability in University City

Using the Document

Balancing aspects of sustainability

Existing Programs and Assets

What is the City already doing in the realm of sustainability?

Sectors

Ecosystems / Habitat

Education / Communication / Advocacy

Energy

Water / Stormwater

Waste / Resource Conservation

Updating the Plan

Appendix

University City Green Practices Commission

Sustainability Strategic Plan | 2017

Sector: _____

Introduction

Broad implications of this sector on sustainability

Sustainability in University City

What are the particulars of sustainability in the context of University City?

Goals

What should we be trying to do?

How should we measure or assess the progress towards a more sustainable city?

Action Items

What are the tactics to achieve the goals?

What projects, initiatives, support is required to foster sustainability in University City?