



Green Practices Commission

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Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

March, 2017

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 provided information on the Rocky Mountain Institute's community solar program, glass recycling, and working with Tim Michels on energy projects.
 - 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 as the liaison starting in April.
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. February 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes were approved 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. The following were questions for Jessica:
 1. Who pays for installation, maintenance of the landscaped containers in the Loop?
 2. General discussion:
 - a. Streetscapes in UCity should use native plants.
 - b. Is it necessary to write an ordinance or resolution, or would the information be lost? Need input from our Council Liaison, who was absent.
 - c. Put in UCity in Bloom contract.
 - d. Plant UCity street medians with pollinator-friendly plants. Need to be no-mow, low-maintenance to be cost-effective. Ewald is concerned about maintenance costs.
 - e. What is Forestry policy for tree species?
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 an 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.