

AGENDA



GREEN PRACTICES COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, June 8 - 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Avenue

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Round
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. 5/11/17 Green Practices Commission Meeting Minutes
4. Special Presentations
 - a. Tim Schmalz – Climate Action Plan update
 - b. Public Comments (Limited to 3 minutes for individual's comments and 5 minutes for representatives of groups or organizations)
5. New Business
 - a. Jonathan – expedition overview
 - b. OneStl/T-Rex Partnership
6. Old Business
 - a. Sustainability Strategic Plan Update Reporting
 - Education/Communication/Advocacy – Scott Eidson
 - Waste/Resource Conservation – Bob Elgin
7. Council Liaison Report
8. Closing Round
9. Adjournment



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Green Practices Commission
FROM: Jenny Wendt – Project Manager
MEETING DATE: June 8, 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: Energy Resources Group has been hired to perform a financial analysis of the state loan projects to audit the projects and assist finance department on how the payments should be budgeted.

2017 Solid Waste Management District Grant: Awaiting \$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.

2017 St. Louis County Department of Public Health: Staff has received notice of funding for a commercial recycling initiative for Olive Boulevard businesses.

2015 Recycling Drop-Off Grant: Plastic film baler will be installed late May/early June. Conveyor and space issues still need to be worked out with the cardboard compactor and reducing the opening size in the fence (to avoid car doors, panes of glass, and non-recyclable items).

MS4: University City has been 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). Other members of the committee include MSD, St. Louis County, MoDOT, Missouri Coalition for the Environment, Home Builder's Association, and the Cities of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Ladue, and Creve Coeur. Final goals have been formed and will be distributed to the planning committee soon.

Electronics (and Styrofoam) Recycling Event: Successfully executed May 6, 2017. 20,000 pounds (10 tons) of electronics collected

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.

Delmar Blvd pedestrian lights: 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 began an internal recycling education workshop to all City staff during “Public Works Week” – May 22 – May 26. Solid Waste Division was trained first, next up: Streets and Parks Division.

Greenhouse Gas Inventory/Climate Action Plan: Staff is working with Tim Schmalz, the intern working on the Greenhouse Gas Inventory, reviewing the Greenhouse Gas inventory and developing the Climate Action Plan – which includes mitigation and adaptation. The City needs to work on developing the portion pertaining to the climate hazards and the vulnerabilities faced by the City.

Home, Health, and Energy Resource Fair: May 13 was the CAASTL Resource Fair at the Community Center from 10am – 1pm. It was a successful event.

Transportation Alternative Program Grant Application: Staff is working on submitting 2 applications for this grant; one connecting the current bike routes through University City and the other updating the lighting and ADA access along Ackert Walkway.

University City is part of a regional group working on regional recycling education and standardizing the recycling message. The main goals of the group are Education and Policy, with the first action items as follows:

- Create a common list of recyclables for everyone in the 5 county region to use: (Franklin, Madison, St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson)
- Creation of a stakeholder group of county, city, muni personnel, landfill, hauler, recyclers, and other entities directly involved and critical in the message distribution.

University City applied for the Mayor’s Climate Protection Award for the sustainable actions that the City and its partners have made in the Loop, including:

- Permeable Pavers
- LED lighting
- Cigarette Butt recycling
- Streetside Recycling Containers
- Increased Commercial Recycling
- Green Dining Alliance District

Staff submitted the City’s first “Green Page” to be distributed in the ROARS Newsletter.

The Park Commission and Staff have decided to create a “Stormwater Management” Task Force to begin working on a Stormwater Management Plan for University City.



Green Practices Commission

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Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

May, 11, 2017 **DRAFT**

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

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

1. Meeting Called to Order, Roll Call at 6:04 p.m.
2. Opening Round
 - a. Lois presented at a healthcare sustainability conference on green purchasing practices in Minneapolis
 - b. Jonathan was a commencement speaker for Washington University's School of Architecture.
 - c. Jenny reported the electronics recycling event was successful and requested that a discussion about bamboo and the Community Action Agency of St. Louis County (CAASTL) event be added to the agenda.
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. 4/13/17 Green Practices Commission Meeting Minutes were approved with minor changes.
4. Special Presentations
 - a. Tim Schmalz reported the outcomes of the Greenhouse Gas Inventory
 - i. Total emission for University City dropped by 13%
 - ii. Government operations dropped by 1% - a minor drop because of increase in City facilities square footage at Centennial Commons and the new firehouse.
 - iii. Commercial energy use and solid waste both increased.
 - iv. Firehouse 1 is new but has poor energy performance. The Commission recommends retro-commissioning to test performance.
 - v. Tim is working on the climate action plan and will report back to the Commission.
 - b. Public Comments (Limited to 3 minutes for individual's comments and 5 minutes for representatives of groups or organizations)
5. New Business
 - a. Audio Recording Policy – Commissions will begin recording meetings again and will post the recordings in public documents on the website.
 - b. Bamboo – There was a concern about bamboo growing into adjacent property. Dianne indicated that Part B of the Weed Ordinance should cover this topic. Jenny will pass this information on to the Department of Community Development.
6. Old Business
 - a. CAASTL event – Held Saturday, May 23rd at the Heman Park Community Center

from 10am to 1pm.

b. Quarterly reporting/Strategic Plan update:

i. Energy – Lois Sechrist

- Lois gave an overview of the draft Energy section of the Sustainability Strategic Plan.
- The goals will be checked against the OneSTL Plan for Sustainable Development regional goals.
- The action items will be reviewed by staff.

ii. Waste/Resource Conservation – Bob Elgin

- No Report

7. Council Liaison Report

a. Council Member absent, no report

8. Closing Round

- a. Jenny will check to see if Barbara Brain's application for the Commission has been received by the City.

9. Meeting Adjourned at 7:42 p.m.