Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

May, 11, 2017

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.

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