



Green Practices Commission

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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.