



## Green Practices Commission

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# AGENDA



## **GREEN PRACTICES COMMISSION MEETING**

**Thursday, February 8, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Avenue

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Round
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. 11/9/17 Green Practices Commission Meeting Minutes
4. Special Presentations
  - a. Sinan Alpaslan: MSD storage tank 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. Recycling Postcard
6. Old Business
  - a. Sustainability Strategic Plan Status
  - b. Climate Action Plan Update Summary
7. Commission Reports
  - a. Council Liaison Update
  - b. Quarterly Report – Energy: Adam Staudt
  - c. Quarterly Report – Water/Stormwater
8. Closing Round
9. Adjournment



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Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

# DRAFT

January 11, 2018

Location: Heman Park Community Center

Attendees Present: Jonathan Stitelman (Chairperson), Lois Sechrist, Barbara Brain, Adam Staudt, Kathy Straatmann, Timothy Dugan, Jenny Wendt (Staff Liaison), Adam Brown (Staff)

Absent: Terry Crow (Council Liaison)

1. Meeting Called to Order - Roll Call at 5:33

Special Guests: None

2. Opening Round:

- a. Lois – Coordinates Green Practices for a Health System, annual report will be out soon.
- b. Kathy – Concerned about incorrect recycling.
- c. Jenny – Passed out standard message for Recycling Right and the dangers of “wish-cycling”, where trash is thrown in the recycle bin in the hopes that it could possibly be recycled.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. The 11/09/17 minutes were approved with minor revisions.

4. Special Presentation - None

5. New Business

- a. Welcome new members: Timothy Dugan and Kathleen Straatman

Commissioners discussed their backgrounds:

- i. Lois Sechrist: Founding member of the Green Practices Commission, has a career in green practices.
- ii. Timothy Dugan: From Boston, lived in University City since 2014. Works at the Gephardt Institute for Civic and Community engagement.
- iii. Kathy Straatman: First meeting, active in University City Politics, lived here since 1989, Owns 2 apartment buildings in University City.
- iv. Jonathan: 10 year resident of University City. Teaches Urban Design.
- v. Adam Staudt: Lived in University City since 2001. Owns a construction company based out of University City.
- vi. Barbara: 33 year resident of University City, worked in libraries for 35 years, recently completed the Master naturalist Program.
- vii. Jenny: Worked for University City for 8 years. Background in environmental chemistry. Now a project manager handling energy efficiency, solid waste, and other unrelated projects.

- viii. Adam Brown: Moved to University City from the east coast in 2016, has a degree in City and regional planning from Cornell. Working on Neighborhood outreach and collaborating across departments.
    - b. Recycling Ordinance for construction projects discussion – Jenny presented recycling ordinances from other locations across the country. The commission discussed the following factors:
      - i. Check University City’s database of construction/demolition companies.
      - ii. Start with developing and providing the businesses with educational material about reducing waste and the cost-savings of recycling instead of landfilling. In addition it is good social capital for businesses.
      - iii. First step of requiring City projects to recycle cardboard and metal with the recommendation to construction/demolition projects to follow the City’s ordinance.
      - iv. If and when ordinance implemented, can be tied to rough-in or final inspection.
      - v. Determine what recycling outlets are available for Construction and Demolition waste (other than LEDR and ECO).
      - vi. Creating an ordinance like this has been a multi-year process for other municipalities.
- 6. Old Business
  - a. Sustainability Strategic Plan Review – Jonathan will compile the documents into 1 file and send a google document to the group.
  - b. Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update – Lois will finish summarizing the CAP and send it to the group.
- 7. Commission Reports
  - a. Council Liaison Update – Absent
  - b. Quarterly Report – Ecosystems/Habitat: Barbara Brain discussed her research findings regarding what other parts of the country are doing about native plants.
    - i. Boulder, Colorado has an ENVIRONMENT tab on the website focusing on Climate, energy, water, waste, and ecosystems with information on the benefits of trees and a list of trees native to the area. Boulder is a bee friendly city with a tagline of “Bee-friendly Boulder”. The ecosystem section has a large focus on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) – The Long term prevention or suppression of pest problems while minimizing the impact on human health, the environment and non-target organisms. The City cannot use herbicides or pesticides on City property. There is a neighborhood with over 200 neighbors dedicated to keeping bees safe, designated as “Bee Safe” neighborhoods.
    - ii. Austin, Texas has a large part of their website devoted to Environmental programs. One program, Grow Green, is a gardening education program promoting sustainable landscaping. The website has “Grow Green Landscape Professional Training” available.
    - iii. Minneapolis Minnesota has a program called The Corcoran Pollinator Project, a grassroots initiative encouraging neighborhood pollinator gardens. The project has successfully completed 10 Boulevard gardens with 40 species of pollinator plants.
- 8. Closing Round
  - a. Jonathan will be out until summertime.
  - b. Barbara is registered to listen to the Localizing the Paris Agreement – Local Government Climate Action and the Road Ahead.
- 9. Adjournment at 6:56 pm.

# Recycle Right!

## WHAT GOES IN YOUR RECYCLING CONTAINER



Paper



Flattened  
Cardboard



Glass Bottles &  
Jars



Plastic Bottles &  
Containers



Metal Food &  
Beverage Cans



Food & Beverage  
Cartons

*Keep lids on • Empty containers - No need to rinse • Flatten your cardboard*

## AND WHAT DOESN'T



Plastic Bags &  
Film



Food Waste



Sharps & Needles



Styrofoam

*Don't see it on the list? Visit [stlcityrecycles.com/database](http://stlcityrecycles.com/database)*





# RECYCLING TIPS and FAQs

*Postage*

- **No Need to Rinse!** Containers do not need to be rinsed clean, just emptied.
- **Keep lids on** so they get recycled! They will get lost otherwise.
- **Flatten cardboard!** That way you have as much room as possible to recycle what you can.
- **Do not bag recyclables!** Put items directly into the recycling container loose.
- **Recycle those pizza boxes!** Even with a bit of grease, sauce or cheese.
- **Plastic bags, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, bubble wrap, bread bags, case overwrap, and produce bags** can all be recycled at [975 Pennsylvania](#) or at your local grocery store!
- **Recycling Saves University City \$\$\$!** Increasing residential recycling by just 20% would save the City \$100,000 every year for improvement projects.
- **Need a bigger recycling cart or want more information?** Call the Department of Public Works and Parks for more information at (314) 505-8560.

*Address Space*