



Green Practices Commission

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Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

February 8, 2018

Location: Heman Park Community Center

Attendees Present: Lois Sechrist (Interim Chairperson), Barbara Brain, Adam Staudt, Timothy Dugan, Jenny Wendt (Staff Liaison), Adam Brown (Staff), Terry Crow (Council Liaison)

Absent: Jonathan Stitleman (Chairperson), Kathy Straatmann

1. Meeting Called to Order - Roll Call at 5:33
Special Guests: Sinan Alpaslan
2. Opening Round:
 - a. Lois is part of theOneStL Communications group and is the liaison to the OneSTL Waste/Materials Group.
 - b. Barbara – Listened to the “Localizing the Paris Agreement: Local Government Action and the Road Ahead” webinar. New Orleans Louisiana and Urbana Illinois governments are both actively participating.
 - c. Barbara – Maryland Heights has endorsed Bring Conservation Home.
 - d. Jenny – City Manager will attend the next Green Practices Commission Meeting.
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. The 1/11/18 minutes were approved as written.
4. Special Presentation – Sinan Alpaslan, University City Director of Public Works and Parks presented on the MSD Storage Tanks Update: University City is actively seeking a consultant to review the MSD storage tank options. 6 options have been developed with estimated costs. Green Practices Commission expressed interest in being involved in the review to determine if and what sustainable practices can be incorporated into the design.
5. New Business
 - a. Recycling Postcard – Jenny distributed the recycling postcard for review by commission. Lois suggested that the economic benefits need to be clearly stated and strongly promoted.
6. Old Business
 - a. Sustainability Strategic Plan Review – Jenny will compile the documents into 1 file and send a link to the document in google docs 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 – Terry Crow updated the commission:
 - i. New City Manager, Gregory Rose started in December 2017
 - ii. Olive/I-170 development should be announced in the next couple of months.
 - iii. There will be a robust review of Emergency Services outsourcing
 - iv. April 3rd City Council, School Board, Mayor
 - v. Budget will be passed in May/June
 - vi. Determination of Prop P funds
 - vii. Hawthorne Schools will become rental units
- b. Quarterly Report – Energy: Adam Staudt reported on the usefulness of integrated lighting controls by way of dimmers, motion sensors, programable controls, etc. 21% of total energy in buildings is lighting. Savings associated with controls can be up to 67% depending on the type of space; 45% cost reduction in private office, 60% reduction in bathroom, 75% reduction in warehouse space.

8. Closing Round

- a. Lois – Not too early to start thinking about Earth Day.
- b. Barbara – Was looking for somewhere to take a mattress and box springs to be recycled; Salvation Army accepts these items.

9. Adjournment at 7:00 pm.

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