



Green Practices Commission

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Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

April 12, 2018

Location: Heman Park Community Center

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

Absent: Terry Crow (Council Liaison), Timothy Dugan

1. Meeting Called to Order - Roll Call at 5:32
Special Guests: Tim Michels, President of Energy Resources Group and prior Green Practices Commissioner
2. Opening Round:
 - a. Adam – Brittany Woods Middle School implemented a recycling program and installed bottle refill station.
 - b. Lois – Discussed Earth Day coming up, and passed around a publication from her business about single-use plastic reduction
 - c. Barbara – Arbor Day is April 27th
 - d. Kathy – Recycling problems in multifamily properties
 - e. John – Found out orange juice cartons are recyclable
 - f. Jenny – University City Loop Green Dining Alliance tour for Missouri Botanical Gardens 4/12/18
Electronics Recycling Event 5/12/18
University City Loop – trying to become a Green Business District for non-restaurant businesses
 - g. Mary – Met with Scott Smid with Metro Lighting about energy efficiency and Ameren rebates
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Review of the 3/08/18 minutes were tabled due to incorrect submittal in the agenda packet – tabled until next meeting.
4. Special Presentations
 - a. Tim Michels, President of Energy Resources Group and prior Green Practices Commissioner, shared his analysis on replacing the police fleet with Electric Vehicles. Tim presented financial information that meets or exceeds the City's energy efficiency ordinance. The Commission agreed unanimously that based on the preliminary analysis, further detailed evaluation should occur. The commission provided the following statement:

The Green Practices Commission has reached a consensus that they do endorse the concept, if not every detail, of this proposal and would like to see this move forward as it fits into the framework of the energy ordinance as it was approved by City Council. [The Commission] will craft a memo to present first to the

Director of Public Works and Parks and then to the City Manager for further development.

5. New Business

- a. Missouri Energy Savings Program – A new PACE program has been approved by St. Louis County. Tom Appelbaum with Ygrene, a representative for this PACE program, will present at a future GPC meeting.
- b. OneSTL Endorsement – Jenny presented the request by OneSTL (East West Gateway) for University City to endorse the sustainability targets set by OneSTL at the Sustainability Summit in 2016. Jenny will distribute the OneSTL categories, targets, and strategies to the group to be discussed at the next meeting.
- c. Commission secretary position – The GPC secretary position is vacant. The commission discussed filling this position. No one volunteered for this position, but the idea of changing the bylaws to remove the secretary position and instead change the position to vice-chairperson to fill in when the chairperson is unavailable.

6. Old Business

- a. Recycling Ordinance for Construction and Demo projects (cardboard and metal) – The commission discussed how increasing cardboard and metals would most effectively move forward. The idea of promoting this idea to contractors registered with and starting this on a voluntary basis was presented. The commission would like Jenny to present this idea to the Director of Public Works and Parks.

7. Commission Reports

- a. Council Liaison Update – Terry Crow absent - Lois reported on his behalf
 - i. Council Liaisons will be assessed to determine if Terry Crow will still be our liaison. It will be determined soon.
 - ii. I-170 and Olive development and TIF are primary council conversations. Next public meeting is April 18.
 - iii. Adam suggested that developers discuss projects with Green Practices Commission.
- b. Quarterly Report – Ecosystems/Habitat: Barbara Brain discussed Community Gardens and the establishment of additional community gardens in University City.

8. Closing Round

- a. Adam – Thanks Tim for his discussion.
- b. Mary would like Scott Smid to discuss Energy Efficiency and Ameren Rebates with the Group.

8. Adjournment at 7:08 pm.