Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

March 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: Terry Crow (Council Liaison), Kathy Straatmann

1. Meeting Called to Order - Roll Call at 5:33
   Special Guests: Gregory Rose, University City City Manager
                   Sinan Alpaslan, Director of Public Works and Parks
                   David Pickerill, Executive Director of Missouri Clean Energy District

2. Opening Round:
   a. Jenny – Handed out information on University City’s recycling economics
   b. Lois – Reminded the group that this day was International Women’s Day and Earth Day is on April 22.
   c. Barbara – Watched a documentary from the St. Louis Audubon Society “Hometown Habitat” showing how why native plants are critical to the survival of the ecosystems in our communities.

3. Approval of Minutes
   a. The 2/08/18 minutes were approved with a minor correction.

4. Special Presentations
   a. Gregory Rose, University City City Manager, shared his vision of sustainability. He believes the following areas are of particular importance:
      i. LEED Certification
      ii. Alternative energy vehicles
      iii. Recycling
      iv. Rehabbing buildings/energy efficiency
      v. Community Gardens
   b. David Pickerill, Executive Director of Missouri Clean Energy District discussed residential opportunities for the PACE program.

5. New Business
   a. New Member introductions
      i. Mary Gorman was formerly a pediatric nurse, a member of the recycling task force, and presently a Delmar Loop building owner with a strong interest in sustainability.
ii. John Solodar has a PhD in Organic Chemistry, retired from Monsanto, frequent member of Boards and Commission for the City.

6. Commission Reports
   a. Council Liaison Update – Terry Crow absent
   b. Quarterly Report – Education/Communication/Advocacy: Timothy Dugan - tabled

7. Closing Round
   a. Lois – Focused on limited single-use plastic reduction – creating a 1-page flyer for Earth Day.
   b. Barbara – Drawdown event is Tuesday, March 13 at the Sheet Metal Union Hall.

8. Adjournment at 6:58 pm.