



Green Practices Commission

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AGENDA



GREEN PRACTICES COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, June 14, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Avenue

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Round
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. 05/10/18 Green Practices Commission Meeting Minutes
4. Special Presentations
 - a. Rosalind Williams, Acting Director of Community Development – Olive/170 New Development
 - b. Gene Foster, Regent Power – EV Charging Stations and Kiosk
 - c. Public Comments (Limited to 3 minutes for individual's comments and 5 minutes for representatives of groups or organizations)
5. Commission Reports
 - a. Council Liaison Update
 - b. Quarterly Report – Adam Staudt: Energy
 - c. Quarterly Report – Ecosystems/Habitat: Barbara Brain (Community Gardens continued)
6. Closing Round
7. Adjournment



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Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

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May 10, 2018

Location: Heman Park Community Center

Attendees Present: Barbara Brain, Adam Staudt, Timothy Dugan, Mary Gorman, John Solodar (Acting Chairperson), Jenny Wendt (Staff Liaison)

Absent: Terry Crow (Council Liaison), Jonathan Stitleman (Chairperson), Kathy Straatmann

1. Meeting Called to Order - Roll Call at 5:32
Special Guests: Scott Smid, Metro Lighting – Energy Efficiency and Ameren Rebates
Tom Appelbaum, Missouri Energy Savings, YGRENE – PACE program
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. 3/08/18 minutes were approved as written.
 - b. 04/12/18 minutes were approved as written.
3. Special Presentations
 - a. Scott Smid with Metro Lighting spoke about Energy Efficiency and Ameren Rebates. Metro Lighting offers free energy audits.
 - b. Tom Appelbaum with Missouri Energy Savings/YGRENE – PACE program spoke about this program also being available for University City residents as it is a St. Louis County approved PACE program.
4. New Business
 - a. Proposed changes to by-laws – John Solodar suggested changing the bylaws to separate the secretary duties of filling in for the chairperson to a new officer – Assistant Chairperson. The commission discussed this and felt it was not necessary to change the bylaws.
 - b. Olive and 170 TIF – The commission reviewed a summary and a map of the TIF project and discussed upcoming TIF commission meetings.
 - c. GPC developmental reviews and recommendations – For the Olive 170 TIF project, as well as other developmental projects, it is beneficial for the GPC to go to the public meetings. Currently there are no requirements or procedures for developmental projects to present to the Green Practices Commission.
5. Old Business
 - a. Recycling Initiative for Construction and Demo projects (cardboard and metal) – Next steps: Adam Staudt has been tasked with developing survey questions for contractors to be asked, after that educate, promote, and work with community development to develop a procedural

avenue for these steps.

- b. OneSTL Endorsement – The commission reviewed OneSTL regional targets for each of the sustainability areas (Water and Green Infrastructure, Waste and Recycling, Transit Oriented Development, Energy and Emissions, Biodiversity, Food Access) and voted to endorse the targets and strategies as University City’s own and implement them in the University City Sustainability Strategic Plan. Jenny will pass this information on to the City Manager requesting official endorsement.
- c. EV information – Tim Michels communicated updates to the EV information and the commission discussed.

6. Commission Reports

- i. Council Liaison Update – No Council Liaison present
- ii. Ecosystems/Habitat: Barbara Brain – tabled until next meeting due to time constraints.
- iii. Energy: Adam Staudt – tabled until next meeting due to time constraints.

7. Closing Round

- a. Jenny – Electronics Recycling even will be held on May 12th.
- b. Adam – Commended the recycling page in the ROARS newsletter.

8. Adjournment at 7:01 pm.

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Department of Public Works and Parks

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Green Practices Commission
FROM: Jenny Wendt – Project Manager
MEETING DATE: June 14, 2018
SUBJECT: Update on projects related to sustainability

Please see below for an update on all of the current sustainability related projects for the Department of Public Works and Parks:

- 2017 Solid Waste Management District Grant: \$50,000 was awarded; 95 gallon recycling carts were purchased to replace smaller recycling carts. A recycling education insert went out with the May/June ROARS newsletter. Next is working on an updated recycling education brochure and recycling contamination education material.
- 2017 St. Louis County Department of Public Health: \$36,000 was awarded for a commercial recycling initiative for Olive Boulevard businesses. An intern has been hired and is currently working on a business inventory and education materials.
- 2018 St. Louis Jefferson Solid Waste Management District Waste Reduction Grant: The City was awarded \$20,000 for a free “CRT TV Takeback” in coordination with a biannual electronics recycling event. The grant includes funding toward advertisement, education, and the cost of TV recycling.
- Transportation Alternative Program Grant Application: Staff is proceeding with the TAP project updating the lighting to LED and creating ADA access along Ackert Walkway and through Ackert Park. Council has approved the project. The preliminary design is underway.
- University City is part of a regional group working on regional recycling education and standardizing the recycling message. The main goals of the group are Education/Communication, Policy, and Business Development; with the first action items as follows:
 - Create and distribute a common list of recyclables for everyone in St. Louis City and the 7 county region to use: (Franklin, Madison, St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson, St. Clair, Monroe)
 - Creation of a stakeholder group of county, city, muni personnel, landfill, hauler, recyclers, and other entities directly involved and critical in the message distribution.
 - Create a regional database of where to recycle non-single stream items. This database will include locations in the 7 counties and St. Louis City.

The group received \$125K for a 2018 St. Louis Jefferson Solid Waste Management District Waste Reduction Grant for mass distribution of the standard message of single stream recycling and education and outreach regarding basic recycling and the problems with plastic bags. The majority of the funding will go toward a PR firm specializing in this messaging.

- MS4: (municipal separate storm sewer system). University City is working with MSD to comply with a series of Best Management Practices to and other regulations to decrease stormwater and its pollution.
- Green Cities Challenge: The City has again joined the Green Cities Challenge portion of the Green Business Challenge.
- Diversion of maintenance yard stormwater runoff from the River Des Peres to a combination sewer line is underway through a project replacing a pump in the transfer station.
- Staff will continue internal recycling education program to all City staff and residents. The final goal is city-wide employee and facilities mandatory recycling administration regulation.
- Using funds awarded by the Economic Development Sales Tax, 5 bus shelters have been installed along Olive to promote increased alternative transportation use.
- 10 additional streetside trash/recycling containers have been added to the 13 already existing along Olive Boulevard.
- Improvements for the cardboard compactor are underway to alleviate the high volume of cardboard recycling that has occurred since the drop-off area was renovated. This is intended to relieve overflow and reduce labor needed to keep up with the load. In addition, additional promotion of the drop-off will be provided to businesses once the upgrades to the drop-off area are completed.
- Researching replacing standard combustion engine fleet vehicles (police) with Electric Vehicles.
- Working on a commercial construction/demolition recycling program – specific to cardboard and metal for starters.
- Retro-commissioning of Firehouse #1 will begin shortly to determine the cause for the excessive energy use of the building and ways to reduce energy use.
- Discussion with Regent Power regarding charging stations installed in a parking lot and/or a charging center to be built as a public/private partnership.
- City-owned historical streetlights on Linden are being upgraded with LED. If the light output is sufficient, all 35 of the city-owned historical lights will be upgraded for a 65% energy reduction.
- The Green Practices Commission has endorsed the OneSTL sustainability goals for University City. These goals are specific to Water and Green Infrastructure, Materials and Recycling, Transit Oriented Development, Energy and Emissions, Biodiversity, and Food Access.
- Preliminary discussion for standard sustainability guidelines for new development has begun between staff, green practices commissioners, Green Building Council, and other municipal sustainability commissioners.
- Staff is in talks with Lime Bikes about the dockless bike share program about how it could work for University City and how it effects University City.

RECYCLING RIGHT – More Important than Ever

Single-stream recycling is experiencing a setback due to increasingly stringent standards overseas. Fortunately for University City plastic, glass, cartons and metal are recycled domestically and are not affected by the changes. However, mixed paper from curbside recycling, such as newspaper, magazines and envelopes, has seen dramatic market changes this year. Recycling centers in China no longer accept paper that is even slightly contaminated. There has been difficulty re-routing the paper to different markets. Recyclers have had to re-think some of their processes.

But don't worry, your paper will still be recycled! However, it is now more important than ever to avoid contamination (plastic bags, Styrofoam, food, and other non-recyclable items) and to keep your paper dry.

Make sure your recyclables are transformed into new useful products by recycling right - avoid "wish-cycling" (recycling an item you hope is recyclable but isn't) and consider "pre-cycling" when you do your shopping (buying items that come in recyclable packages). Recycling right can help improve the quality of mixed paper and help keep our recycling industry strong.

Use this handy guide to make sure you're recycling right!

Yes, Please!

- Plastic Bottles & Containers**
- Metal Food & Beverage Cans**
- Glass Bottles & Jars**
- Paper**
- Food & Beverage Cartons**
- Flattened Cardboard**

Keep Recycling THESE!