



## Green Practices Commission

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### Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

Location: Heman Park Community Center

Attendees Present: Jonathan Stitleman (Chairperson), Kathy Straatman, Barbara Brain, Timothy Dugan, Adam Staudt, Mary Gorman, Tim Cusick (Council Liaison), Adam Brown (acting Staff Liaison)

Absent: John Solodar

#### 1. Meeting Called to Order – Roll call at 5:34pm

##### Special Guests:

- a. Barbara Pickard, Washington University faculty fellow – Sustainable speaker series proposal for Washington University/University City collaboration

#### 2. Opening Round:

- a. Barbara Brain has signed up for a Pollinator Champion course.
- b. Mary Gorman is working with Loop Special Business District businesses to work toward a Green Business District designation.
- c. Jenny Wendt announced that the Council approved the OneSTL sustainable targets.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes

- a. 6/14/18 minutes were approved as written

#### 4. Special Presentations

- a. Barbara Pickard, Washington University faculty fellow proposed a collaborative effort between University City and Washington University on a sustainability speaker series. Barbara would organize the speakers and University City would help with scheduling and participation. The commission agreed this was a good project to be held monthly. Jenny will propose this idea to the Director of Public Works and Parks/City Manager.

#### 5. New Business

- a. Jenny presented a draft of sustainable developmental standards that are proposed to be implemented for new developments in University City. The categories are as follows: Water and Green Infrastructure, Energy and Emissions, Transit Oriented Development, Materials, Biodiversity, and Other. The sustainable practices listed would be broken down into three

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categories: Required, incentivized, and recommended. The Commission unanimously voted to continue developing the list of sustainable practices with the intent of implementing these into developmental projects.

- b. An election for the chairperson will occur at the August meeting.

#### 6. Old Business

- a. Construction and Demolition recycling (cardboard and metal) survey questions were passed around the group for review. This survey will be distributed via email to contractors that the City has email addresses. The commission reviewed the survey and made a few suggestions.
- b. Regent Power presentation review – this would be a public private partnership with University City would receive a portion of the revenue. The commission discussed the logistics of electrical connection and placement. The battery storage would be set to charge at off-peak times for lower demand on the electrical system. The commission requested a proposal from Regent Power with the logistics included.

#### 7. Commission Reports

- a. Council Liaison Update: Tim Cusick reported two upcoming public meetings and possible working groups sponsored by the mayor and 3<sup>rd</sup> ward council members, the final TIF Commission public meeting is scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm at the high school. Tim Cusick also reported that conversations he has heard from developers have included green practices and he would expect the developers to go before the green practices commission for recommendations.

The private engineering firm has looked at the MSD project and has recommended placing the tanks in Heman Park under ball fields, or under/behind parking lot at Mandarin House. The council has asked the City Manager to present these options to MSD and is leaning toward putting the storage tanks in Heman Park.

- b. Quarterly Report – Ecosystems/Habitat: Barbara Brain (Community Gardens continued) – tabled

#### 8. Closing Round

- a. Johnathan and wife designed a second location of Blue Print Coffee on Watson Avenue.
- b. Kathleen Straatman is resigning from the commission but has people to recommend in her place.

- 9. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.