Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission
September 13, 2018

Location: Heman Park Community Center

Attendees Present: John Solodar (Chairperson), Jonathan Stitleman, Barbara Brain, Adam Staudt, Tim Cusick (Council Liaison), Janet Carter (acting Staff Liaison), Liz Essman (proposed Green Practices Commissioner)

Absent: Mary Gorman

1. Roll Call

2. Opening Round:
   a. New Member Liz Essman is attending the meeting and will be sworn in soon.
   b. Washington University/University City talks – City Manager has requested Washington University provide a letter of support for the talks.

3. Approval of Minutes
   a. 08/09/18 Green Practices Commission Meeting Minutes were not provided so were not reviewed.

4. Special Presentations
   a. Public Comments: None

5. New Business
   a. Renew Missouri – Green Tariff Program: The Commission voted unanimously for the City Manager/City Council to proceed with the non-binding letter for an expression of interest in the program.

   - Environmental Justice component – Idling occurs in commercial areas or along streets in areas of lower income housing; police cars, public transit, etc.
   - Idling uses more gas, reduces quality of spark plugs, increases exhaust system corrosion, etc.
   - Public Health impacts – Idling vehicles lead to increased pollution and increased respiratory problems, asthma, allergies.
   - Need to educate residential, city, and commercial drivers.
• Installing signs in the Loop and around Washington University.
• Suggestion to add an article to ROARS with idling facts.
• Adam Staudt asked: Are there after-market product that can turn off the vehicle after a certain amount of time when at a stop? (This is a standard feature on some newer cars) Timothy will look into this.

7. Old Business
   a. Sustainable Practices Guidelines (Developmental Green Practices): Review document and grid, how can success be measured – Commission would like to discuss this with Jenny, possibly break down the discussion over several meetings. Tabled until next meeting.

8. Commission Reports
   a. Council Liaison Update: Tim Cusick – Asked if any proposal would have impact on any other commissions, possibly traffic and plan commissions.
   b. TIF approved resolution to proceed with Olive/170. In the next month something formally will be presented to Council.
   c. University City in Bloom will hold their Plein Air Art Event on September 23.
   d. University City Historic Society hold a event on September 20 in rotunda of City Hall and will attempt to light the beacon at City Hall.

9. Closing Round

10. Adjournment at 6:15 pm