



Green Practices Commission

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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.
6. Quarterly Report – Education/Advocacy: Timothy Dugan: Vehicular Idling
 - 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