



Green Practices Commission

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Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

August 9, 2018

Location: Heman Park Community Center

Attendees Present: Jonathan Stitleman (Chairperson), John Solodar, Mary Gorman, Barbara Brain, Tim Cusick (Council Liaison), Adam Brown (acting Staff Liaison)

Absent: Adam Staudt

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Round:
 - a. Barbara is now volunteering at Forest ReLeaf.
 - b. Mary reported HopCat is composting; possibly invite them to discuss with the GPC.
 - c. Jenny indicated the next Electronics Recycling Event is October 13th.
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. 06/14/18 Green Practices Commission Meeting Minutes approved as written.
 - b. 07/12/18 Green Practices Commission Meeting Minutes approved with amendment.
4. Special Presentations
 - a. Public Comments: Barbara Pickard discussed the collaborative talks between U City and Washington University and what is needed to move forward. Barbara also discussed a movie produced by Renew Missouri about renewable energy that would benefit the Green Practices Commission and University residents to see.
5. New Business
 - a. The commission voted for John Solodar to become the new Chairperson.
 - b. Jenny reported on a proposal to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to enter into a 6 month pilot program with Lime Bikes.
6. Old Business
 - a. Jenny discussed the draft Sustainable Practices Guidelines with the commission. Tim Cusick suggested the guidelines be sent to the Stormwater Task Force.

7. Commission Reports

- a. Council Liaison Update: Tim Cusick reported that August 23rd there will be a TIF meeting at the high school.
- b. Quarterly Report – Waste/Resource Conservation: Jenny Wendt reported on the state of recycling and the critical need to keep contamination out of the single stream recycling.
- c. Quarterly Report – Community Gardens: Barbara Brain discussed the following things local governments can do to encourage community gardens:
 - Make sure zoning allows community gardens
 - Inventory open spaces and vacant land
 - Create a municipal community garden
 - Promote community gardens
 - Allow leasing of vacant land for nominal fee
 - Provide access to water
 - Form partnership with gateway greening
 - Use floodplain for gardens

8. Closing Round

- a. Jenny – Resource Management recycling plant is closing.

9. Adjournment at 7:01pm