



Green Practices Commission

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Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

October 11, 2018

Location: Heman Park Community Center

Attendees Present: John Solodar (Chairperson), Jonathan Stitleman, Barbara Brain, Adam Staudt, Liz Essman, Mary Gorman, Tim Cusick (Council Liaison), Jenny Wendt (Staff Liaison).

Attendees Present: Timothy Dugan

1. Meeting called to order, Roll Call 5:30pm
2. Opening Round:
 - a. Jenny announced the Electronics Recycling Event on October 13th – First 200 CRT TVs are free to recycle.
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. 08/09/18 Green Practices Commission Meeting Minutes were approved with minor amendments.
 - b. 09/13/18 Green Practices Commission Meeting Minutes were approved with minor amendments.
4. Special Presentations
 - a. Public Comments: None
5. New Business
 - a. Solid Waste Diversion Grant opportunity: Discussion regarding a recycling grant opportunity specifically devoted to reducing contamination and the cost of single stream recycling. The commission discussed the possibility of a pilot program removing glass from the single stream to reduce cost per ton and receiving revenue for sorted glass. The commission decided it was not ideal to remove a recyclable material from single stream recycling. It was decided to apply for funding to purchase glass and paper drop-off containers and place them throughout the City. In addition to the request for funds for the containers, funds for educational materials would be requested.

6. Old Business

- b. Sustainable Practices Guidelines (Developmental Green Practices) - Review document and grid, how can success be measured: The commission suggested asking Washington University if they have a class or sustainability students who can work on this. Also check with any other academic groups. In addition, the permitting and inspection process needs to be determined. It would be beneficial to talk to developers to get their interest level.

The guidelines will be compared and discussed with the City of Seattle and the City of San Diego.

The guidelines will also be taken to other commissions for informational purposes, then proposed to the City Manager and council.

7. Commission Reports

- a. Council Liaison Update: Tim Cusick – Video of trash truck picking up trash and recycling in the same truck. The City Manager and City staff took care of the issue promptly. There was an issue with MSD leaving large holes on a street; it was reported and City staff was on site within the day. There are street light issues throughout University City, staff is working with Ameren to get these fixed.

Mr. Rose and department heads have weekly meetings with the developers of the TIF project.

- b. Quarterly Report – Water/Stormwater: Jonathan Stitleman
Jonathan researched stormwater solutions that have been provided by Costco in other areas. Parking adjustments are a commonly used solution. Green roofs are typically unfavorable. At least one location built a large subsurface filtration system for their stormwater. As for metrics, reduced runoff volume and the amounts of suspended solids is used.

8. Closing Round

- a. Jenny announced a River Des Peres Trash Bash on October 20th.
- b. Barbara mentioned the leaf mulch pile at Heman Park – it is available until November.

9. Adjournment at 6:49 pm