



Green Practices Commission

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Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

November 8, 2018

Location: Heman Park Community Center

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

Attendees Absent: Timothy Dugan, Liz Essman, Jonathan Stitelman

1. Meeting called to order, Roll Call 5:30pm
2. Opening Round:
 - a. Barbara Brain announced that University City gets a lot of trees from Forest ReLeaf.
 - b. John Solodar worked on Proposition 2 campaign which passed with 78% of the vote.
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. 10/11/18 Green Practices Commission Meeting Minutes were approved with minor amendments.
4. Special Presentations
 - a. Public Comments: None
5. New Business
 - a. Plastic Bag Initiative: Event at Forest Park on November 15th – America Recycles Day, demonstrating the number of plastic bags used every second in this country. Several stores will be promoting “Bag-Free Weekends” through the month of November. The commission proposed stickers on the carts indicating “NO PLASTIC BAGS”, a hot stamp on the cart, and/or magnets. Jenny will look into these options.
 - b. Mayors for Solar Cities is an initiative to support solar in the community. The City of University City may sign into this initiative. Currently University City does not have solar on any of its buildings. The commission would like to see a cost analysis of solar on City buildings prior to signing into a commitment to promote solar to its constituents.
 - c. Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) and St. Louis County Grants – Jenny will apply for a cost analysis of collecting glass separately through St. Louis County and for new glass and mixed paper drop-off containers to be placed at a new location.
 - d. No Idling Signs: Signs have been widely distributed throughout the Loop.

6. Old Business

- a. Sustainable Practices Guidelines (Developmental Green Practices) – Washington University indicated there is a possibility for a sustainability intern to help with this. 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 plan, traffic, forestry commissions for informational purposes, then proposed to the City Manager and council.
- b. Renew Missouri – Jenny submitted a memo and the information to the City Manager and City Attorney for approval to apply for the non-binding interest form.

7. Commission Reports

- a. Council Liaison Update: Tim Cusick – City staff has been responding quickly to utility issues.

Redevelopment discussions will continue.

Stormwater survey is in the ROARS, Tim suggested the commissioners complete the survey.

The Tea House is slated to be demolished soon.

Task force is being created to look at the relationship between Washington University and University City.

8. Closing Round

9. Adjournment at 6:24 pm