



Green Practices Commission

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AGENDA



GREEN PRACTICES COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday February 14, 2019 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Avenue

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Round
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. 1/10/19 Green Practices Commission Meeting Minutes
4. Special Presentations
 - a. Public Comments (Limited to 3 minutes for individual's comments and 5 minutes for representatives of groups or organizations)
5. New Business
 - a. GPC member quarterly reporting – assignments and responsibility
 - b. Firehouse #1 Retrocommissioning Report
6. Old Business
 - a. Solar Project Update
 - b. Glass and Mixed Paper Drop-Off Location Update
 - c. Recycling update
7. Commission Reports
 - a. Council Liaison Update
8. Closing Round
9. Adjournment



Department of Public Works and Parks

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Green Practices Commission
FROM: Jenny Wendt – Project Manager
MEETING DATE: February 14, 2019
SUBJECT: Update on projects related to sustainability

Please see below for an update on all of the current sustainability related projects for the Department of Public Works and Parks:

- Draft Sustainable Developmental Guidelines have been created, endorsed by the Green Practices Commission, and are in process of review by Traffic Commission, Plan Commission, and the Stormwater Task Force.
- 2017 Solid Waste Management District Grant: \$50,000 was awarded; 95 gallon recycling carts were purchased to replace smaller recycling carts. A recycling education insert went out with the May/June 2018 ROARS newsletter using grant funds. Next is working on an updated recycling education brochure and recycling contamination education material.
- 2018 St. Louis Jefferson Solid Waste Management District Waste Reduction Grant: The City was awarded \$20,000 for a free “CRT TV Takeback” in coordination with a biannual electronics recycling event. The grant includes funding toward advertisement, education, and the cost of TV recycling. Money left from this grant will go toward the May 2019 electronics recycling event.
- Transportation Alternative Program Grant Application: Staff is proceeding with the TAP project updating the lighting to LED and creating ADA access along Ackert Walkway and through Ackert Park. Council has approved the project. The preliminary design is substantially completed.
- University City is part of a regional group working on regional recycling education and standardizing the recycling message. The main goals of the group are Education/Communication, Policy, and Business Development; with the first action items as follows:
 - Create and distribute a common list of recyclables (COMPLETE)
 - Create a regional database of where to recycle non-single stream items. This database will include locations in the 7 counties and St. Louis City. (COMPLETE)
 - Communicate and distribute message and a toolkit to municipalities.

The group received \$125K for a 2018 St. Louis Jefferson Solid Waste Management District Waste Reduction Grant for mass distribution of the standard message of single stream recycling and education and outreach regarding basic recycling and the problems with plastic bags. The majority of the funding has gone toward a PR firm specializing in this messaging.

- MS4: (municipal separate storm sewer system). University City is working with MSD to comply with a series of Best Management Practices to and other regulations to decrease stormwater and its pollution. Ordinances have been created to meet the MS4 requirements; the Stormwater Task Force is determining further requirements based on University City needs.
- Diversion of maintenance yard stormwater runoff from the River Des Peres to a combination sewer line is underway through a project replacing a pump in the transfer station.
- A University City Staff Green Team has been created and will begin work later this month.
- Improvements for cardboard collection are underway to alleviate the high volume of cardboard recycling that has occurred since the drop-off area was renovated. This is intended to relieve overflow and reduce labor needed to keep up with the load. In addition, additional promotion of the drop-off will be provided to businesses once the upgrades to the drop-off area are completed.
- Retro-commissioning of Firehouse #1 has been completed. Recommendations will be presented to the City Manager to determine how to proceed.
- All interior lighting in Firehouses #1 and #2 have been upgraded to LED. Exterior lighting for the firehouses will be completed in the spring.
- A grant application has been submitted to determine the feasibility of returning the former Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) to its original function of sorting recyclables in-house instead of taking them to Republic Services for sorting and sales.
- A grant for \$25,000 was awarded for recycling drop-off locations for glass and paper. This is to increase sorted material collection as sorted materials can be sold for profit.
- The Green Practices Commission has endorsed the City becoming a “Shining City”. This includes setting goals for solar energy adoptions, encouraging solar installations, and leading by example.
- University City is working with The Loop to reduce idling. Various property owners have installed “No Idling” signs given to the City by the American Lung Association.
- University City is working with Washington University to obtain a summer sustainability intern funded through Washington University’s Environmental Studies Community Internship Program.
- The electronics recycling event in October 2018 yielded one of its highest volume of electronics: 36,704 pounds. The next recycling event is scheduled for May 2019.
- University City successfully collected numerous holiday lights once again over the holiday season to be recycled.

Green Practices Commisison

Ordinance No. 6859 - 7 members

Meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm at Heman Park Community Center (no meeting in December)

Name	Board Position	Appt Term	Nominated by	Address	Phone	Email	Ward	Appointment	Appointment Type	Re-Appointed	Term 1 or 2	Term Expires
John Solodar	Chairperson	re	Steven McMahon	8135 Cornell Ct.	314-862-5294	ajsolodar@yahoo.com	1	2/12/18	fill-in		1	8/8/2020
Jonathan Stitelman	Member	1	Shelley Welsch	611 Westgate Ave	203-494-4447	jstitelman@wustl.edu	1	10/24/16	replace		1	8/8/2019
Barbara Brain	Member	3	Rod Jennings	7533 Milan Ave.	314-359-3843	bdbrain@gmail.com	3	8/14/17	fill-in		1	8/8/2019
Adam Staudt	Member	3	Rod Jennings	7369 Melrose Ave	314-725-6152 (h) 330-209-6411 (m)	adamstaudt@hotmail.com	3	8/14/17	replace		1	8/8/2020
Timothy Dugan	Member	1	Terry Crow	6647 Washington Ave Apt 2	978-886-2455	timothy.dugan@wustl.edu	1	10/23/17	replace		1	8/8/2020
Liz Essman	Member	1	Paulette Carr	1066 Mona Dr.	314-494-4150	lizeessman@gmail.com	3	9/10/18	replace		1	8/8/2021
Mary Gorman	Member	re	Michael Glickert	6273 Delmar Blvd. 3W	314-537-9852	maryemccabe@mac.com	2	8/8/18	replace		1	8/8/2021
Tim Cusick	Council Liaison	N/A	N/A	7915 Glenside Place	314-230-3337	cusickward2@gmail.com	2	6/14/18				N/A
Jenny Wendt	Staff Liaison	N/A	N/A	6801 Delmar Blvd.	314-505-8562	jwendt@ucitymo.org	N/A	9/9/16				N/A

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University City Council (and Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk)					
Name	Position	Ward	Address	Phone	Email
Terry Crow	Mayor	1	7024 Maryland	314-918-0044	crow@cttlaw.net
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Paulette Carr	Council Member	2	7901 Gannon	314-727-0919	paulette_carr@sbcglobal.net
Tim Cusick	Council Member	2	7915 Glenside Place	314-230-3337	cusickward2@gmail.com
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Bwayne Smotherson	Council Member	3	1243 Purdue	314-726-9572	bsmotherson@gmail.com
Steven McMahon	Council Member	1	8135 Stanford	314-422-6576	steve_mcmahon@att.net
Gregory Rose	City Manager	N/A	6801 Delmar	314-505-8534	rosee@ucitymo.org
LaRette Reese (interim)	City Clerk	N/A	6801 Delmar	314-505-8605	lreese@ucitymo.org



Green Practices Quarterly Reporting Updated September 2018												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ecosystems/ Habitat	X			X			X			X		N O M E E T I N G
Water/ Stormwater	X			X			X			X		
Energy		X			X			X			X	
Waste/ Resource Conservation		X			X			X			X	
Education/ Communication/ Advocacy			X			X			X			

Current Committee Categories and Assignments

Ecosystems/ Habitat	Barbara Brain
Water/ Stormwater	Jonathan Stitelman
Energy	Adam Staudt
Waste/ Resource Conservation	Liz Essman
Education/ Communication/Advocacy	Timothy Dugan

Original By-Law Categories

- Ecosystems/habitat
- Air quality/transportation
- Land use/open space/parks
- Water/storm water
- Waste/resource conservation
- Energy and green buildings