



Green Practices Commission

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Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

January 10, 2019

Location: Heman Park Community Center

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

Attendees Absent: Adam Staudt

1. Meeting called to order, Roll Call 5:34pm
2. Opening Round: No Comments
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. 11/08/18 Green Practices Commission Meeting Minutes were approved.
4. Special Presentations
 - a. Public Comments: None
5. New Business
 - a. SWMD municipal grant approval – additional drop-offs for glass and mixed paper
 1. Container Options – Commission discussed collection container options: Large 30 cubic yard containers at 1 location or smaller containers at multiple locations.
 2. Location Options – Commission discussed optional locations for the drop-off containers. Preferably in the western side of the City to balance the current location. Several locations were suggested, Jenny will research these further.
 - b. SWMD grant application – MRF analysis: A grant application was submitted to analyze the former recycling processing area located at the Maintenance Facility.
6. Old Business
 - a. Mayors for Solar Cities – Solar project update: The Green Practices Commission fully endorsed the signing of the Statement of Support for Solar Energy. Jenny will bring this to the Administration to request approval of this initiative by the City Manager and City Council.
 - b. Sustainable Practices Guidelines (Developmental Green Practices): Stormwater Task Force, and Plan and Traffic Commission have reviewed the Sustainable Practices Guidelines. When the new Community Development Director comes on board, Jenny will meet with him to discuss our next action.

- c. Recycling update: Jenny provided an update on the regional recycling. All St. Louis County municipalities with the exception of Wildwood are continuing with single stream. Wildwood my move to dual stream. St. Charles County municipalities are proceeding in various ways. Commission discussed various ways to communicate recycling information.

6. Commission Reports

- a. Council Liaison Update: Tim Cusick – City working to finish the details in the TIF agreement.

McKnight and Delmar construction should be completed soon.

St. Louis County working on North and South – resurfacing, fixing potholes, etc., moving quickly, should be completed soon.

Trolley LLC. – 3rd trolley car is being refurbished and will be brought to U City soon.

Budget process is starting soon – The City needs to set the pace for solar projects and put solar projects in the budget.

7. Closing Round

Jonathan Stitleman suggested a bumper sticker regarding solar – for example “If it’s sunny we’re making money”

Jon Solodar indicated that Isreal has solar powered water tanks on many buildings. Isreal also has a good payback on private properties selling back unused energy to the grid.

Barb discussed duct cleaning and a process called “aeroseal” which lines the ducts and increases energy efficiency of the HVAC.

8. Adjournment at 6:39 pm