



Green Practices Commission

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Meeting Minutes –
March 14, 2019

University City Green Practices Commission

Location:

Heman Park Community Center

Attendees Present:

John Solodar (Chairperson), Liz Essman, Barbara Brain, Adam Staudt,
Jonathan Stitelman, Tim Cusick (Council Liaison), Jenny Wendt (Staff Liaison),
Adam Brown (Staff)

Attendees Absent:

Mary Gorman

1. Meeting called to order, Roll Call 5:33pm
2. Opening Round
 - a. Partners for Native Landscaping workshop scheduled for March 29th at the Danforth Plant Science Center.
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. 02/14/19 Green Practices Commission Meeting Minutes were approved with one minor edit.
4. Special Presentations: Straight-Up Solar: Solar information on City Buildings and “Solarize U City” program. Steve O’Rourke and Eric Schneider presented about Solar and specifically about a “Solarize U City” program. See attached presentation.
The “Solarize U City” program would be supported by the City but championed by community members.
5. New Business
 - a. Tree discussion: Barbara attended a US Green Building Council event – “Calculating the Benefits of Trees” and reported on this event as well as general information on the benefit of trees. See attached information sheet.
 - b. Plastic Bag Awareness Day: April 13th has been designated as “Plastic Bag Awareness Day” in the region. Pete’s Market and the Loop are both partnering in the initiative, as well as several stores and business districts throughout the region.
6. Old Business
 - a. Strategic Plan Update Strategy: The commission will tackle the topics in the Strategic Plan one at a time instead of trying to update the plan as a whole. The first topic will be the topic of Education and Advocacy.
 - b. Glass and Mixed Paper Drop-Off Location Update: This project has been tabled. The grant funds will not be accepted.
 - d. Sustainable Developmental Guidelines Update: A resolution is being developed for the City to adopt the Sustainable Development Guidelines.

7. Council Liaison Update: Tim Cusick –
 - a. The city is trying to determine a better balance with Washington University.
 - b. Better Together: The initiative is still proceeding; Tim brought the petition for the formation of the Board of Freeholders if anyone would like to sign it.
 - c. State Loan: No new projects for the state loan funding are on hold partially because of the Better Together initiative.
8. Closing Round: None
9. Adjournment at 6:58 pm