

## **AGENDA**



### **GREEN PRACTICES COMMISSION MEETING**

**Thursday January 9, 2020 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Avenue**

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Round
3. Approval of Minutes 11/14/19
4. Special Presentations
  - a. Darren Dunkle, Director of Parks and Jacob Keiser, City Forester
  - b. Public Comments (Limited to 3 minutes for individual's comments and 5 minutes for representatives of groups or organizations)
5. New Business
  - a. Clayton Cleaners
  - b. Energy Efficiency Master Plan
6. Old Business
  - a. EV update
7. Council Liaison Update
8. Closing Round
9. Adjournment



## Green Practices Commission

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Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

November 14, 2019 **DRAFT**

Location: Heman Park Community Center

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

Attendees Absent: Barbara Brain, Timothy Dugan

1. Meeting called to order, Roll Call 5:37pm
2. Opening Round  
Jenny Wendt: Mannequins in the Loop America Recycles Day Event to be held November 15, 2019 at the Library. A showing of the calendar will be held, and light refreshments will be served.
3. Approval of Minutes  
08/08/19 minutes were approved with minor corrections.
4. Special Presentations – Katie Dione, 6408 Cates Avenue, Ward 2. Katie would like to see improvement and reduction of single use plastic. Brainstorming: possibly distributing education materials to businesses of how reducing single use plastics can help their business (costs, customer service).
5. New Business
  - a. Anti-Litter Campaign: A meeting was held with residents, staff (Sanitation, Administration, Code Enforcement, Communication Director), and Liz Essman. Actions were divided into citizen, city, and business responsibility. See attached report.
6. Old Business
  - a. Solar Power Hour Update: 77 University City Residents signed the letter of interest. Several contracts were signed, and several contracts are pending. 10% of all contracts are from University City.
  - b. Preparation for the “Oops” Program: Notify residents, city staff, and administration about the program and that recycling will not be collected if there is contamination. Mailers, signs, social media, and other communication about the program and how it will work. It is scheduled to begin in March and end in August. There is a great need for volunteers.
  - c. No-Idling: John Solodar discussed visiting New Jersey – New Jersey has a new No Idling law. This is something that could be researched to determine a better way to encourage no idling in University City. John will try to find out what the city in New Jersey is doing to try to enforce this.
7. Council Liaison Update:  
  
170 development is moving along. Costco will be sending designers and staff to University City about what the Costco will look like in the next couple of months.

Comprehensive Plan will be initiated soon.

8. Closing Round:
  - a. John Solodar suggested the second fall leaf pickup be pushed back a couple of weeks when more leaves have fallen.
  - b. Jenny reminded everyone to go to the America Recycles Day event at the library
  - c. Jenny also announced that she was nominated for the East West Gateway Outstanding Local Government Award.
  - d. Mary attended an event at Metro Lighting; 50 lighting companies were there. Scott Smid with Metro Lighting worked with Mary to select very efficient lighting.
  - e. Jonathan's Studio has an event at the Kemper Museum on December 12<sup>th</sup>. His students will give a public presentation relating his studio's work to the His students will be talking about how their work is connected to "Ai Weiwei: Bare Life".
  - f. Jenny reminded everyone there is no December meeting.
9. Adjournment at 6:33 pm

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## Department of Public Works and Parks

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### STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 9, 2020  
AGENDA ITEM: Clayton Cleaners

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Clayton Cleaners is a site of known subsurface tetrachloroethene (PCE) contamination associated with dry cleaning operations. The earliest environmental investigations were conducted at the site in 1997 documenting PCE contaminated soil. The current site owner, 550 North and South L.L.C., conducted site characterization work in the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) and Drycleaning Environmental Response Trust (DERT) Fund Program from 2004 to 2017. However, this work had not been completed when the DERT Program expired in 2017. At that time, VCP staff referred the site to the Department's Superfund Section for further investigation.

As authorized under the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, the Department conducted environmental sampling in September 2019. The department collected a total of 6 groundwater, 6 soil gas, 5 subslab vapor, and 3 sewer gas samples from the Clayton Cleaners property and surrounding residential properties.

Sampling results confirmed the PCE groundwater plume is present beneath the Clayton Cleaners facility, and contamination has traveled west following the direction of groundwater flow. In addition, contaminants appear to have migrated north via the sewer system. The highest concentrations of contaminants were found at the Clayton Cleaners property and properties west and south of the dry cleaner.

At this time, the Department is negotiating with the current property owner to enter into the Department's Superfund Cooperative Program to conduct further site characterization and any cleanup necessary to address exposure risk above a level of health concern.

After receiving the September sampling results, residents of the condominium building located at 540 North and South Road requested that the Department attend their regularly scheduled condo meeting on December 9th from 6 – 7 pm to answer questions about the sampling results and next steps at the site. A second session was held from 7:30 – 8:30 pm.

A summary of that meeting will be discussed with the Green Practices Commission.



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Energy Conservation is undertaken for a variety of reasons which includes utility cost containment and reduction of the carbon footprint. A holistic approach to conservation will be articulated in this plan which outlines action items for an energy conservation program. This energy conservation plan is offered to discuss steps taken, work practices in plan, new strategies, and energy conservation policies, and will be in coordination with the Energy Efficiency Ordinance.

An Energy Efficiency Master Plan was budgeted for fiscal year 2020. The summary of for the request for proposal will be discussed with the Green Practices Commission. Input will be requested.



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AGENDA ITEM: Electric Vehicles

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The status of the Electric Vehicles will be discussed with the Green Practices Commission: Charging stations installed, cars fully charged, only awaiting licensing and branding.