



Green Practices Commission

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Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

November 14, 2019

Location: Heman Park Community Center

Attendees Present: John Solodar (Chairperson), Adam Staudt, Jenny Wendt (Staff Liaison), Mary Gorman, Liz Essman; Jonathan Stitelman; 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 12th. His students will give a public presentation relating his studio's work connected to "Ai Weiwei: Bare Life".
 - f. Jenny reminded everyone there is no December meeting.
9. Adjournment at 6:33 pm