



Green Practices Commission

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Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission
September 10, 2020 Location: Heman Park Community Center
Attendees Present: John Solodar (Chairperson), Mary Gorman, Jonathan Stitelman, Adam Staudt, Barbara Brain, Liz Essman, Jenny Wendt (Staff Liaison), Stacy Clay (Council Liaison)
Attendees Absent: Timothy Dugan

1. Meeting called to order at 5:32pm
2. Opening Round
 - a. Barbara Brain announced that Mitch Leachman, Director of Programs at St. Louis Audubon, received the 2020 Grow Native Pioneer Award. Mitch is the coordinator of the Bring Conservation Home Program.
 - b. Jenny Wendt reported a paper shredding event on 9/12/2020.
 - c. Jenny Wendt announced the River des Peres Trash Bash will be a week-long event beginning October 24th.
3. 08/13/2020 meeting minutes were approved.
4. Special Presentations
 - a. Blackbird Foundation: Food Waste Audit
Danielle Korman with the Blackbird Foundation discussed the logistics of an upcoming food waste audit in University City. This is anticipated for late October/early November.
5. New Business
 - b. New Council Liaison: 3rd Ward Councilmember Stacy Clay is the new Council Liaison. Councilmember Clay would like to bring the 3rd Ward's perspective into the Commission initiatives.
6. Old Business
 - c. 2021 Solid Waste Management District Grant: Jenny discussed the upcoming grant application with the Commission. The application will be requesting funds for recycling carts, waste reduction education, and an intern.
7. Council Liaison Update: A Study Session is scheduled September 14th at 5:00pm discussing the Space Needs Study Recommendation.
8. Closing Round
 - a. Jenny Wendt reported that the Loop Special Business District has a drive-in movie planned for Saturday, September 12th, expanded dining areas for restaurants, and Leland closure for events on Saturdays. Jenny will be reaching out to Olive businesses as well to improve business outreach on Olive.
 - b. Adam Staudt asked Councilmember Clay about Centennial Commons, Councilmember believes it

won't be opened before January 2021.

- c. Adam Staudt asked Councilmember Clay about the Olive/170 activity, Councilmember reported there were situations with condemnation of buildings and a full update will come out soon.

9. Adjournment at 6:20 pm.