



## Green Practices Commission

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Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

October 8, 2020

Location: Heman Park Community Center

Attendees Present: John Solodar (Chairperson), Mary Gorman, Jonathan Stitelman, Adam Staudt, Timothy Dugan, Barbara Brain, Jonathan Stitelman, Jenny Wendt (Staff Liaison)

Attendees Absent: Stacy Clay (Council Liaison), Liz Essman

1. Meeting called to order at 5:32pm
2. Opening Round
  - a. Barbara Brain announced that Trader Joe's is now letting customers use reusable bags.
  - b. John Solodar asked the commission if anyone could compile minutes for meetings.
  - c. Timothy Dugan recommended the podcast "Trash Talking with Eco-Warriors"
  - d. Jenny Wendt is working on setting up a campaign sign recycling drop-off since campaign signs are recyclable, but not in the curbside recycling container.
  - e. Mary Gorman suggested that restaurants use the tree wells to dispose of unused water.
3. 09/10/2020 meeting minutes were approved with minor corrections
4. No Special Presentations
5. New Business
  - a. River des Peres Trash Bash: Jenny reported that the River des Peres Trash Bash will occur over a week (October 24<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>) instead of one day like previous year. Locations have been selected and registration will be open soon.
  - b. Treekeepers, a new volunteer Group has been working in parks weeding, watering, and light pruning. Barbara Brain is part of this group. The City Forester is working on a tree inventory, the Treekeeper group will likely be involved in that.
6. Old Business
  - a. Mosquito Fogging: The Commission discussed the necessity and the effectiveness of mosquito fogging. Barbara Brain and John Solodar will research how other communities handle this and if there is data associated with fogging.
  - b. Food Waste Audit will begin late October/early November. Volunteers will be asked to keep track of their food waste for 1 week.

7. Council Liaison Update: Ruth Park is raising its golf rates \$3-5 per round. Council authorized Round 3 of EDRST funds to support University City businesses.
8. Closing Round
  - a. Timothy Dugan commented that some businesses offer a choice during on-line ordering for making utensils an option instead of automatically adding them to the delivery/takeout order. Jenny is working on a flyer to distribute to restaurants about this.
9. Adjournment at 6:25 pm.