



Green Practices Commission

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Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

November 12, 2020

Location: Heman Park Community Center

Attendees Present: John Solodar (Chairperson), Mary Gorman, Liz Essman, Barbara Brain, Jonathan Stitelman, Timothy Dugan, Jenny Wendt (Staff Liaison), Stacy Clay (Council Liaison)

Attendees Absent: Adam Staudt

1. Meeting called to order at 5:33pm
2. Opening Round
 - a. Mary Gorman suggested Scott Schmidt from Metro Lighting come talk to GPC about energy efficient lighting.
3. 10/08/2020 meeting minutes were approved with minor corrections
4. Special Presentations
 - a. Ameren Missouri: Renewable Solutions Program - TABLED
 - b. Sustainability Plan Update – Wash U Sustainability Exchange Program presentation: Professor Ray Ehrard, and students Stepha Kokokov, Carter Rholl, Mary Kimbell Vereen provided information about the update of the Sustainability Strategic Plan.
 - c. Public Comments - Katie Dionne reminded the committee that a significant portion of university city's population lives in rental units, and to ask that renters be considered when finding ways to transition our city to clean energy. Much as we want clean energy, not all of us are able to sign a long-term contract with an energy company. Please discuss ways to make clean energy accessible to non-homeowners.
5. New Business
 - a. Campaign/Yard Sign Recycling – A collection event will be held on November 14th from 9am – noon for corrugated plastic signs.
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 - a. Mosquito Control – The Commission discussed the necessity and the effectiveness of mosquito fogging. Barbara Brain reported data indicating the use of fogging does not reduce West Nile or other diseases caused by mosquitos. The commission agreed unanimously to recommend to City Council that the City discontinues mosquito fogging and instead focus on larvicide and mosquito control education.
7. Council Liaison Update:

- People have reported car doors being checked for unlocked doors. The Police are starting a campaign to remind residents to lock their car doors.
- Financial situation for U City is better than anticipated.
- No change on the Costco project, city is using eminent domain on a few commercial properties in the area.

8. Closing Round

- a. Jonathan is moving within University City to Ames Place.
- b. Jenny reported that she featured in an article in the Healthy Planet for her work in sustainability in University City and the region, and that she has submitted the year-end report for the Green Cities Challenge.

9. Adjournment at 6:44 pm.