



Green Practices Commission

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**MEETING OF THE GREEN PRACTICES COMMISSION
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Thursday, February 11, 2021
5:30 p.m.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING
PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE GREEN PRACTICES COMMISSION MEETING & PARTICIPATION**

Green Practices Commission will Meet Electronically on February 11, 2021

On March 20, 2020, City Manager Gregory Rose declared a State of Emergency for the City of University City due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Due to the current order restricting gatherings of people and the ongoing efforts to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the February 11, 2021 meeting will be conducted via videoconference.

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Citizen Participation

Those who wish to provide a comment during the “Public Comments” portion as indicated on the Green Practices Commission agenda: may provide written comments to Jenny Wendt ahead of the meeting.

ALL written comments must be received **no later than 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.** Comments may be sent via email to: jwendt@ucitymo.org or mailed to the City Hall – 6801 Delmar Blvd. – Attention Jenny Wendt, Senior Project Manager. Such comments will be provided to the Green Practices Commission prior to the meeting. Comments will be made a part of the official record and made accessible to the public online following the meeting.

Please note, when submitting your comments, a **name and address must be provided.** Please also note if your comment is on an agenda or non-agenda item, and a name and address are not provided, the provided comment will not be recorded in the official record.

The City apologizes for any inconvenience the meeting format change may pose to individuals, but it is extremely important that extra measures be taken to protect employees, residents board/commission members and elected officials during these challenging times.



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AGENDA

GREEN PRACTICES COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday February 11, 2021 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Round
3. Approval of Minutes: 01/14/2021
4. Special Presentations
 - a. Blackbird Foundation: Food Waste Audit results
 - b. Perennial Composting: Food Waste Composting Operations and Growth Ambitions
 - c. Public Comments (Limited to 3 minutes for individual's comments and 5 minutes for representatives of groups or organizations)
5. New Business
 - a. None
6. Old Business
 - a. Anti-Litter Initiative (time permitting)
7. Council Liaison Update
8. Closing Round
9. Adjournment



Public Works Department

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STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 11, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: Anti-Litter Campaign

The topic of litter has been discussed in Green Practices Commission meetings; a commissioner drew up a draft plan of action. A follow-up meeting was held at City Hall. Participants of this meeting included a green practices commissioner: Liz Essman, Public Works staff: Jenny Wendt, Dennis Lockett, Code Enforcement: Tim Scott, Rachel White, Allison Bamberger, and several concerned citizens: Joel Minor, Naomi Silver, Beth Metzler, Emma Scharff, Sharon Logan (Lions Against Litter).

Three action areas were identified: actions by the City, actions by citizens, and actions by private businesses. Actions to be discussed with private businesses will be coordinated with the Director of Economic Development.

Proposed City actions are as follows:

- Additional trash containers on Olive and crossroads of busy intersections, including North and South, Hanley, and Midland. The Sanitation Superintendent will determine the cost for new containers and if they can be budgeted.
- Municipal code property maintenance requirements will be reviewed to determine what businesses must do to keep property clean, as well as what can be encouraged. Multiple sections of code refer to litter, <https://www.ecode360.com/28290233>, <https://www.ecode360.com/28291137>, <https://www.ecode360.com/28291136>. Planning will investigate further.
- Create or reuse successful antilitter PR for roadway signs, signs for private business, and for schools. Public Works will work with Communications Director on this task and bring proposed signage back for approval consideration.
- Install anti-litter signs on Midland, Hanley, and North and South near Olive where litter tends to accumulate. Public Works/Streets will install these signs.
- Promote Adopt-a-Stop (bus stops), Adopt-a-Highway (MoDOT/Olive Blvd.), Adopt-a-Roadside (County roads). This can be promoted by Public Works and Communications.
- Invite Washington University to support this campaign. Public Works will initiate this conversation with JoAnna Schooler.

- Inquire about community service needs with U City courts and County courts to determine if there are people available for litter removal and what logistics are involved. Public Works will initiate this conversation.
- Promote the importance of property maintenance to businesses, including encouraging businesses to post signs on private property about litter. Economic Development will reach out to businesses about this.

Proposed citizen actions are as follows:

- Host clean-up events (with the city's support). One event already took place on October 30th by Christ the King 6th graders, and one is tentatively scheduled for November 9th by high school students. Public Works Sanitation Division supports these events by providing tools and supplies as available.
- Promote anti-litter campaigns at schools. Emma Scharff, the president of the High School's environmental club will discuss this with staff. Beth Metzler will discuss this with Catholic School staff, and Joel Minor will discuss this with his children's schools.
- Promote to schools the various contests that are currently available through MoDOT and the Missouri Department of Conservation, the "Trash Can contest" and "No More Trash! Bash" programs <https://www.nomoretrash.org/trash-can-contest>, <https://www.nomoretrash.org/trash-bash>. Emma, Joel, Beth, and Jenny can work on this.
- Lions against Litter will continue its successful actions (March – October monthly clean-up events).
- Encourage organizations possible litter removal events.

Proposed private business actions are as follows:

- Daily/regular litter removal.
- Sign up for an "Adopt-a" program.
- Add trash receptacles around property.
- Post anti-litter signage.

All the private business actions can be encouraged by Economic Development.

Litter is an issue everywhere. It will take a multi-faceted campaign to make changes. Making small changes with the involvement from multiple groups can add up to noticeable change. All parties mentioned above are aware of this plan and have agreed with their part of the action plan.

The order of proposed actions and a kick-off date needs to be determined.



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Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

January 14, 2021 **DRAFT**

Location: Heman Park Community Center

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

Attendees Absent: None.

1. Meeting called to order at 5:31pm
2. Opening Round
 - a. John Solodar reported that Mary Gorman has resigned.
 - b. John Solodar reported that community cats would be allowed to let roam during the day and brought in at night. The National Audubon Society is not in favor of this, one billion birds are killed annually by roaming cats. The Audubon Society has written a letter to the City Manager in opposition. Barbar
 - c. Jenny reported on a proposal brought forth by a resident for the City endorsing the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and implementing SAFE policies that would lead to ending the use of fossil fuels. The commission agreed that endorsing the treaty would not benefit the city as the city does not choose its energy source. Policies that encourage development to provide renewable-ready infrastructure is a possibility in the Sustainability Strategic Plan update which is underway. The Commission suggested the city publicize the progress the city has made in energy efficiency.
3. 01/14/2021 meeting minutes were approved with minor corrections
4. Special Presentations
 - a. None
5. New Business
 - a. Jenny reported on the Sustainability Work Plan FY2021 January - June (see report in agenda packet). Recycling Education was discussed by the Commission, Adam Staudt recommended Timothy Dugan to help with educational material for recycling.
 - b. Missouri Invasive Plant Task Force (MOIP) “Cease the Sale” and “Pledge to Stop the Spread of Invasive Plants: The state administration is being asked to ban the sale of invasive plants. The city is being asked to sign the pledge to cease planting invasive plants on the list and incorporate Missouri Native Plants as much as possible. The Urban Forestry Commission will be requesting the City to sign this pledge at their next meeting. The Green Practices Commission agreed unanimously for the City to sign this pledge.
6. Old Business

a. None

7. Council Liaison Update:

- A Study Session was held regarding the financial impact that Washington University has on the City. The report indicated that Washington University owned property cost the City more to service than the City receives in tax revenue. The report is on the U City website.
- A public hearing for re-zoning for Olive 1-70 was held with no issues.
- Adam Staudt inquired about the MSD Storage Tanks. Councilmember Clay indicated he has not heard anything about this since last summer.

8. Closing Round

- a. Barbara Brain inquired about discontinuing mosquito fogging. Jenny reported the City is analyzing options.
- b. John Solodar reported a house with new solar panels with a “Grow Solar” sign in the yard.

9. Adjournment at 6:45 pm.

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