



## Green Practices Commission

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Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

February 11, 2021 **APPROVED**

Location: Zoom – Virtual Meeting

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

Attendees Absent: Liz Essman, Adam Staudt

1. Meeting called to order at 5:31pm
2. Opening Round
  - a. Barbara Brain indicated she watched Jenny present about the Mississippi River Plastic Pollution Initiative at the River des Peres Watershed Coalition annual meeting regarding a plastic waste reduction initiative.
3. 01/14/2021 meeting minutes were approved with minor corrections
4. Special Presentations
  - a. Blackbird Foundation Food Waste Audit results: Danielle Korman with the Blackbird Foundation reported the results of the Food Waste Audit (See attached slides).
  - b. Perennial City Composting Food Waste Composting Operations and Growth Ambitions: Tim and Beth Kiefer, owners of Perennial City Compost discussed their food composting operations. Many of their customers are University City residents. This is a service available for all University residents for approximately \$20 per month. Perennial City is looking for warehouse space as well as additional land for composting.
5. New Business
  - a. None
6. Old Business
  - a. None
7. Council Liaison Update:
  - A presentation was given to Council, MSD has proposed a rate increase; in April there will be a 3% increase in the MSD rates over the next 3 years on the ballot. This is bond financing. If this bond does not pass, the rates will increase 15% over the next 3 years. The council agenda packet is online with more information.
8. Closing Round
  - a. Barbara Brain mentioned that Mitch Leachman, Director of Programs for St. Louis Audubon Society, is leaving his position at the end of February. The St. Louis Audubon Society will still be committed to the Bring Conservation Home Program.
  - b. Jenny reported March 13<sup>th</sup> is the next electronics recycling event funded by a Solid Waste Management Grant. The first 100 TVs will be recycled free of charge.
9. Adjournment at 6:30 pm.