



Green Practices Commission

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MEETING OF THE GREEN PRACTICES COMMISSION VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE Thursday, April 8, 2021 5:30 p.m.

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

Green Practices Commission will Meet Electronically on April 8, 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 April 8, 2021 meeting will be conducted via videoconference.

Webinar via the link below:

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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 April 8, 2021 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Round
3. Approval of Minutes: 03/11/2021
4. Special Presentations
 - a. Andrew Linhares: Renew Missouri Commercial Solar Program
 - b. 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. Sustainability webpage
 - b. Missouri Department of Conservation's Community Conservation Grant UPDATE:
Barbara Brain
7. Council Liaison Update
8. Closing Round
9. Adjournment



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Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

March 11, 2021 **DRAFT**

Location: Zoom – Virtual Meeting

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

Attendees Absent: Liz Essman

1. Meeting called to order at 5:31pm
2. Opening Round
 - a. Jenny announced the Electronics Recycling Event scheduled Saturday, March 13, 2021
3. Approval of Minutes: 02/11/2021
4. Special Presentations: None
5. New Business
 - a. Missouri Department of Conservation's Community Conservation Grant: Barbara Brain discussed a proposed a grant opportunity to preserve Ruth Park Woods by removing invasive species. U City in Bloom is considering this grant opportunity. This is in the early planning stages. Once information is gathered, and if this is a viable proposal, this will be presented to the Director of Parks to discuss with the City Manager. The Green Practices Commission came to a consensus to move forward on this idea.
 - b. Earth Day: Possible Earth Day activities were discussed. Cleanup of the City was suggested, but it is still unknown if this is feasible due to COVID. The City discussed promoting a list of things that residents could do around their home and neighborhoods.
6. Old Business
 - a. Anti-Litter Initiative: The Commission discussed the anti-litter initiative that was created in 2020 pre-Covid. Some of the items were suggested as still feasible, like communicating code requirements to businesses, promoting "Adopt" programs, and working with schools.
 - b. Oops Program Update (Feet on the Street): This anti-contamination recycling program, where residential carts will be inspected for contamination, is still scheduled to begin in late May, or possibly early June.
7. Council Liaison Update
 - 2nd Quarter fiscal update, comparing this year from last year the City is about the same, 1.2 million from CARES Act kept the city in good shape. It is unknown what the next stimulus funding will provide.
 - In the process of closing on the remaining properties at Olive/170
 - May timeframe for opening of Centennial Commons.
 - It is unknown at this time when City Hall will open.
8. Closing Round
9. Adjournment at 6:45pm



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STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 8, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: Website Improvements: Sustainability

Staff and a Washington University Sustainability Intern have been working on adding a section on the University City's website specific to environmental stewardship. This section will include: Energy & Atmosphere, Recycling & Materials, Biodiversity, Transportation, Water & Green Infrastructure, and Reports & Initiatives. Juliet Kamau, the Washington University intern, will provide an update to the commission.



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MEETING DATE: April 8, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: Missouri Department of Conservation Community Conservation Grant

Barbara Brain will provide an update on a proposed joint effort by U City in Bloom, the Green Center, and residents to apply for funding to remove invasive plants from Ruth Park Woods and return it to a healthier condition. Barbara would like to provide a summary to the Green Practices Commission for input and backing if applicable.