



## Green Practices Commission

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**MEETING OF THE GREEN PRACTICES COMMISSION  
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
Thursday, May 13, 2021  
5:30 p.m.**

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

**Green Practices Commission will Meet Electronically on May 13, 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 May 13, 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](mailto: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 May 13, 2021 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Round
3. Approval of Minutes: 04/08/2021
4. Special Presentations
  - a. WUSTL Sustainability Exchange Program: Sustainability Strategic Plan Final Draft presentation
  - b. Ameren MO: Electrify Missouri policies and incentives for infrastructure to support current and future electric vehicles in Missouri.
  - 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. Commercial Solar Group Buy Program – quick overview
  - b. Sustainability Strategic Plan – WUSTL Sustainability Exchange Program updates discussion.
7. Council Liaison Update
8. Closing Round
9. Adjournment



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Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

April 08, 2021 **DRAFT**

Location: Zoom – Virtual Meeting

Attendees Present: John Solodar (Chairperson), Barbara Brain, Jonathan Stitelman, Adam Staudt, Sinan Alpaslan (substitute Staff Liaison), Stacy Clay (Council Liaison)

Attendees Absent: Jenny Wendt (Staff Liaison), Timothy Dugan, Liz Essman

1. Meeting called to order at 5:32
2. Opening Round
  - a. Barbara Brain announced that 8 people in her neighborhood planted 11 trees provided by Jacob Kaiser and the Forestry Division. Barbara and a neighbor will care for them while they get established.
3. 03/11/2021 minutes approved with minor correction.
4. Special Presentations
  - a. Andrew Linhares, Renew Missouri, spoke about the Renew STL Solar Program, a group buy Commercial Solar Program for the St. Louis region. (See attached presentation slides.) Andrew also discussed possible solar projects for the firehouses and library. John Solodar recommended the city examine these projects.
  - 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 – Juliet Kamau, WUSTL Sustainability Exchange Intern, discussed the design of the proposed Sustainability Hub for the website. This includes 5 areas of focus; Energy and Atmosphere, Biodiversity, Healthy Transport, Water and Green infrastructure, and Materials and Recycling.
  - b. Missouri Department of Conservation's Community Conservation Grant UPDATE: Barbara Brain indicated there was a meeting scheduled with U City in Bloom, Darren Dunkle, Missouri Department of Conservation on April 19<sup>th</sup> about the project. John Solodar mentioned this will require a lot of maintenance or the project will not be worth the money.
7. Council Liaison Update:
  - Councilmember Clay reported that the parcels needed for Costco have all been secured and purchased by Costco. The revenue has been turned over to the City. A group of



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residents, probably a staff person, and possibly other resources will help advise the city. The developer has taken a partner, Bob Clark (head of Clayco) as a developer is a partner on this. Currently the developer is working to secure residential properties. Councilmember Clay suggested listening to the Council meeting to get more details about the projects.

- Adam Staudt inquired when they would start moving dirt, Councilmember Clay replied within 2021.
- Adam Staudt inquired about green practices in the construction process. Councilmember Clay replied that he would request connecting the Costco Development group with the commission.

8. Closing Round - None
9. Adjournment: 6:25 pm

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FOR COMMERCIAL  
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RESIDENTIAL  
CUSTOMERS IN THE  
ST. LOUIS REGION

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*ANDREW LINHARES  
RENEW MISSOURI*

# RENEW MISSOURI



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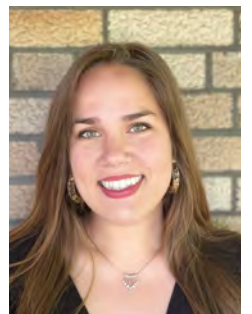
Renew Missouri is a 501(c)(3) non-profit advocacy group committed to improving renewable energy and efficiency energy policy statewide.

- Engagement with the **Public Service Commission**, the **Missouri Legislature**, **local governments**, **utility companies**, and **clean energy industries**.
- Created Renew STL Solar program with assistance from Washington University



Andrew Linhares – Senior Counsel and Regional Director  
(St. Louis Office).

Tori Cheatham – Policy and Outreach  
Coordinator (St. Louis Office)



## OUR SOLAR INSTALLER PARTNER



[www.straightupsolar.com](http://www.straightupsolar.com)

- StraightUp Solar is a successful solar company with a long track record in the St. Louis area. Renew STL Solar selected StraightUp Solar after a lengthy RFP process.
- Since 2006 they have installed more than **1,300 residential and commercial-scale projects** in Missouri and Illinois.
- StraightUp Solar is also the installer partner for GROW Solar St. Louis and GROW Solar Metro East (residential programs)



# WHAT IS RENEW STL SOLAR?



A **GROUP BUY** program for commercial and non-residential buildings owners in the St. Louis Region.

- “Group Buy” = Achieving a lower installation price by pooling together similar projects to achieve higher economies of scale and saving on the bulk purchase of equipment.

## ELIGIBLE TECHNOLOGIES

Solar PV

Battery Storage Systems

EV Charging Ports

## VALUES ADDED

Financial Savings

Simplify Solar

Public Recognition and Exposure

Tracking Sustainability Efforts

Supporting Jobs and Equity in the Region

## PROGRAM AUDIENCE



LARGER  
RETAILERS &  
CHAINS



SMALL  
BUSINESSES



INDUSTRIAL  
BUSINESSES &  
WAREHOUSES



MUNICIPALITIES &  
GOVERNMENT  
BUILDINGS



HOSPITALS &  
HEALTHCARE  
ORGANIZATIONS



COLLEGES,  
UNIVERSITIES, &  
SCHOOLS





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**STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: May 13, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: Renew St. Louis Solar – Commercial Solar Program

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Renew St. Louis Solar is an innovative new program design is the first of its kind in the Midwest. Like the GROW Solar STL program for residential customers, Renew STL Solar is a "group buy" program, meaning that installation prices improve when customers can pool their projects with other similarly-situated organizations. In addition, through a Customer Volume Discount, a greater financial benefit is available as more customers participate. Essentially, this program will allow businesses to install solar on their operational buildings and begin saving money immediately, potentially with no upfront cost.

The Commission will discuss promotion of this program to businesses to encourage renewable energy in our commercial sector and the best way to approach outreach.



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### STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 13, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: WUSTL Sustainability Exchange Program: Sustainability Plan Update  
Special Presentation and Commission Discussion

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Students majoring or minoring in Environmental Studies at Washington University receive excellent instruction and training from some of the best professors in the nation. The Environmental Studies Program is proud of its range of expertise, from environmental policy, biology, and earth science to anthropology, engineering, and green building. While the professors may be experts in the classroom, it is recognized that community organizations like ours are experts in the field. These students are also in need of a more engaged learning experiences off-campus, and the program's administration knows that often community organizations have limited resources to achieve their goals. By partnering with community organizations to facilitate internships, the hope is to meet this student demand, deepen student learning, prepare students for careers, and meaningfully support the work of community organizations, like the City of University City.

In March 2020 University City applied for and was granted a partnership with the WUSTL Sustainability Exchange to update the Sustainability Strategic Plan that was created by the Green Practices Commission in 2010. The students and professor were provided sustainable program information, reports, ordinances, initiatives, and other items that would be beneficial in this update. Jenny Wendt has met weekly with the class providing direction for this plan. Fall semester students worked on the Energy and Water/Green Infrastructure sections. Spring semester students worked on Biodiversity, Food Access, Materials/Recycling, and Healthy Transport sections.

The WUSTL Sustainability Exchange students will provide a brief presentation of the final draft plan to the Commission for comments and suggestions.