



Green Practices Commission

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Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

April 08, 2021 **APPROVED**

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. Barbara Brain gave an update on the Missouri Department of Conservation Community Conservation Grant application for the Ruth Park Woods restoration project. UCity in Bloom, The Green Center, Darren Dunkle, John Solodar and Barbara will meet with MDC's Erin Shank and Danny Moncheski on April 19th to tour the woods and discuss the project. John Solodar mentioned that ongoing maintenance will be critical to the success of this effort. Barbara assured the commission that ongoing upkeep has been factored in. The commission expressed its support for the project.



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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 residents, probably a staff person, and possibly other resources will help advise the city. The developer, Novis, has taken a partner, Bob Clark. 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