



Green Practices Commission

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MEETING MINUTES (APPROVED)

GREEN PRACTICES COMMISSION

Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Heman Park Community Center

1. **Call to Order:** 5:41 pm
2. **Roll Call:**

Attendees Present: John Solodar (Chairman), Connie Mueller, Adam Staudt, Jonathan Stitelman (joined at 5:54 pm), Mary Kennedy (Staff Liaison)

Attendees Absent: Tim Schmalz, Mathew Emden, Stacy Clay (Council Liaison)
3. **Opening Round:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** The April 13, 2023 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
5. **Special Presentation:** None
6. **Citizen Participation:** None
7. **New Business:**
 - a. Discuss possible special presentation for July meeting: Jennifer Stogsdill: The commissioners expressed interest in having Jennifer Stogsdill attend the July 13 meeting to provide an overview of ADT Solar's residential solar programs and discuss the possibility of hosting another solar education/sign-up event for the community. Mary Kennedy (Staff Liaison) will follow up with Ms. Stogsdill to coordinate a presentation for the July GPC meeting.
8. **Old Business:**
 - a. Electronics recycling event: Ms. Kennedy reported that the Council passed the resolution to authorize the grant application to the County, and that the City Manager signed the grant application. The next step is St. Louis County Council awarding the grant. The date and location have been confirmed: September 16, 2023 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at Centennial Commons with Spectrum Ecycle as the electronics recycling contractor. Document shredding may also be offered. Ms. Kennedy is preparing advertisements/communications to promote the event.
 - b. Federal Grant Opportunities: Ms. Kennedy introduced two federal grant programs that are currently open for applications, the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), and the Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Grant (CFI).

Staff is currently preparing applications for both—CFI for electric vehicle charging stations at City-owned parking lots/garages; and EECBG for either additional charging stations *or* for energy efficiency upgrades at City-owned buildings. Commissioner Staudt suggested that some of the funds be used for electric vehicle charging stations at the Trinity/Annex buildings during the planned renovation.



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Ms. Kennedy asked the GPC if the \$76,120 allocated through the EECBG program was enough for small energy efficiency retrofits in City-owned buildings. Commissioners believed this would be a good amount for LED lighting and suggested that staff look into previous energy audits that were done for City buildings. Commissioner Staudt also mentioned that Firehouse #1 is one of the most inefficient City-owned buildings according to a recent energy audit, due to inefficient HVAC equipment.

9. Council Liaison Update: None

10. Closing Round

Chair Solodar mentioned that the GPC is still working on the sustainability action items chart/matrix, and that hopefully at the July meeting they will resume this work when Commissioner Schmalz is present.

Ms. Kennedy asked the GPC whether they would like to meet in December. Commissioners agreed to have an informally social event in December. Ms. Kennedy will verify with the City Clerk whether notice of an informal, social gathering of the GPC is required.

Commissioner Mueller asked if there was an update on the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Kennedy reported there will be a second round of community engagement in July and August, and that final adoption of the plan is scheduled for October. After the plan is adopted, there will be an update to the Zoning Code, which Ms. Kennedy would like the GPC to provide feedback on code changes.

Commissioner Staudt asked that Ms. Kennedy inform the Council Members and City Clerk of upcoming vacancies on the GPC.

Commissioner Mueller shared that there will be a sustainable garden tour on Sunday, and that her property is one of the stops on the tour.

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm.