



**Green Practices Commission**

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## **AGENDA**

### **GREEN PRACTICES COMMISSION MEETING**

Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Location: Heman Park Community Center (975 Pennsylvania Avenue)

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. OPENING ROUND**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. June 26, 2025
- b. October 9, 2025

**5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**6. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Sol Smart

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Annual report for commission
- b. Solar ordinance

**9. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE**

**10. CLOSING ROUND**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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**MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)**

**GREEN PRACTICES COMMISSION MEETING**

Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.  
Location: University City Library, Room 103

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Attendees Present: Connie Mueller (Chair), Nicole Baumgarten, Mathew Emden, Timothy Schmalz, John Wagner (staff liaison), John Tieman (Council liaison), Ken Schechtman, Suzanne Schoomer

**3. OPENING ROUND**

- a. None

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. April 28, 2025 – The minutes were corrected to note that Commissioner Emden was not present, Staff Liaison Mary Kennedy was present, and to correct the spelling of Commissioner Schmalz's name. Chair Mueller motioned to approve with the noted corrections, Commissioner Schoomer seconded. All commissioners voted aye, motion passed.

**5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

- a. None

**6. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

- a. None

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. There was discussion about a possible solar panel ordinance, including the logistics of getting it passed and the content of the ordinance itself. Commissioner Schmalz described an example from the City of St. Louis where the ordinance required buildings to be solar ready. Dr. Wagner provided information on the zoning code revision being conducted for the City by a consultant. A solar code could be included in that. Commissioner Schmalz to perform additional research and report back. He also mentioned the Sol Smart credential with the City of Clayton as a local example of a credentialed municipality. Commissioner Baumgarten volunteered to do additional research into the subject. Dr. Wagner to check with the zoning consultant regarding sustainability topics.
- b. There was discussion regarding the work product of Trivers the consultant and ensuring that

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any recommendations to come from the Commission were put into the form of a motion.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Annual report for commission
  - i. Chair Mueller stated that a list of accomplishments had been provided to Mary Kennedy to prepare a report. Dr. Wagner was going to check for the list and report back.
- b. Tiny forests
  - i. There was discussion on how much to pursue this topic given the other priorities of the Commission. Commissioner Schmalz suggested a one-page information sheet for the website to capture the research that had been performed to this point.
- c. Fall 2025 shredding event: Sunday, September 7 at Heman Park Community Center
  - i. Dr. Wagner said he would check into the details of the event.

## **9. STAFF UPDATE**

- a. None

## **10. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE**

- a. Council Member Tieman discussed the upcoming Cool Cities meeting on August 28<sup>th</sup>. The Stormwater Commission will be presenting on work that they have done.
- b. There was a discussion regarding House Bill 939, which is no longer moving forward.
- c. Council Member Tieman provided an update regarding a proposal at County Council to take \$750,000 from Rams settlement money to put towards climate action efforts.
- d. There was an update on the City budget.
- e. Council Member Tieman provided information on a proposed ordinance on vehicle idling.
- f. There was a discussion regarding Roberts Rules.

## **11. CLOSING ROUND**

- a. None

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Commissioner Schechtman motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Baumgarten seconded. All commissioners voted aye. Meeting adjourned.



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**MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)**

**GREEN PRACTICES COMMISSION MEETING**

Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Location: Heman Park Community Center (975 Pennsylvania Avenue)

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:33 p.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Attendees Present: Nicole Baumgarten, Connie Mueller (Chair), Suzanne Schoomer, John Tieman (Council liaison), Ken Schechtman, Steve Stricklan (staff liaison), Timothy Schmalz, Yann Estaque

Attendees Absent: Mathew Emden

**3. OPENING ROUND**

The Commission welcomed Commissioner Estaque to the Green Practices Commission as a newly appointed member.

Commissioner Baumgarten proposed a discussion of the involvement the Commission should have in the Enclaves at Canton development. There was discussion regarding the vote of the Stormwater Commission on the proposed development. The Commission requested that someone representing the Stormwater Commission and Forestry attend next month's meeting to provide additional details on this project.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None

**5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

None

**6. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

None

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Schmalz provided an update on the latest draft of the solar ordinance to reflect changes requested following the presentation to City Council. He said he would distribute additional discussion materials at the next meeting.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

a. Annual report for commission

- i. There was discussion among the Commission about a high level report about the

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accomplishments from the previous year to be submitted to City Council. Mr. Stricklan to review and report back at the next meeting.

- b. Tiny forests
  - i. Chair Mueller said that this item has been placed on the backburner.
- c. Fall 2025 shredding event: Sunday, September 7 at Heman Park Community Center
  - i. Chair Mueller and Commissioner Baumgarten reported back on success of the event. There was discussion of why the Commission was involved and whether that should be a role for the Commission moving forward. It was determined there was value in electronics recycling.
- d. Commissioner Schmalz brought to the attention of the Commission a conversation with an individual from Great Rivers Greenway regarding a proposed trail in University City that was presented at a farmers market.
- e. Commissioner Baumgarten discussed Sol Smart, a designation from the Department of Energy that shows a community is solar friendly. The City of Clayton is certified. There was discussion about how to acquire additional information and whether the decision to pursue the certification would be a consideration of City Council or the City Manager. Mr. Stricklan said he would follow up with Interim Director Becky Ahlvin.

## **9. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE**

- a. Council Member Tieman said that he would send his open letter on the Enclave at Canton to the Commission members. The development is not yet before the City Council.
- b. There was discussion regarding House Bill 939 from the State of Missouri, which could limit green development on the basis of cost.
- c. There was discussion regarding the Cool Cities STL meeting in University City the past August and an upcoming meeting at Washington University in January.
- d. There was discussion regarding model legislation for green causes.

## **10. CLOSING ROUND**

- a. Commissioner Estaque described some interests on green subjects, including single use plastics and concern regarding turning up the thermostat at City Hall if it is uncomfortably cold.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Commissioner Schoomer motioned to adjourn, Chair Mueller seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.