



**Green Practices Commission**

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## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **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.