



Green Practices Commission

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Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

March 8, 2012

Location: University City Hall, Lower Level EOC Room

Attendees: Dianne Benjamin, Jerry Breakstone, Lynnette Hicks, Tim Michels, Jeffrey Mishkin, Neville Rapp, Lois Sechrist

Absent: Lynn Ricci

1. Opening Round:
 - a. A thank you letter to Linda Fried was signed by all Commission members. Lois will draft a thank you letter to Donna Leach-Heimos.
 - b. Tim gave an update of the Energy/ Renewable Energy ordinance.
2. Administrative items:
 - a. The February 9, 2012 minutes were approved as amended.
 - b. Next meeting date: April 12, 6:00 pm – 7:30 p.m., University City Hall, Lower Level EOC Room. RSVP if you cannot attend so we can determine in advance if we will have a quorum.
 - c. The New Member Packet was reviewed by Lynnette, with the recommended changes from the February meeting incorporated. The final packet will be issued at the April meeting. Send any further changes via email to Lynnette by April 2.
3. A study session with Council is scheduled for August 27. After that, GPC will ask to make a presentation at a Council meeting.
 - a. Lois will work with Tim to prepare the pre-read documents and the presentation for the study session.
4. City of St. Louis Sustainability survey:
 - a. What was the cost of the City survey?
 - b. What was the purpose? St. Louis has a grant to develop a long term sustainability strategic plan. University City already has a sustainability strategic plan, so we do not have this requirement.
 - c. Lynnette will draft a response to Mayor Welsch's request for the GPC to look into a survey for University City.
 - d. The GPC will conduct a new round of goal setting and planning this spring.
5. Green Practices Brochure:
 - a. No update on the brochure. Lynnette will send the revised version to the GPC members. Please provide comments via email to Lynnette by April 2.
6. Energy Audit Report by Lee Palmer and Adam Coats of Allen & Hoshall, consultants hired by University City.
 - a. Lengthy Q&A and comments.
 - b. Action items: Scope of work is complete.
 - c. The report will be available on the City website under "public documents".

- d. GPC will formulate a response to the report. Lynnette will notify the GPC which items have already been implemented.
7. No City Council Liaison report.
8. Commission vacancy:
 - a. Lynnette will contact Joyce Pumm to see if there are any applications to the GPC. If there are, Council Member Ricci will review the applications and recommend an appointment. If there are no applications, the GPC will need to solicit applications. Ms. Ricci will remain on City Council until the end of April, so this item should be expedited before her term expires.
 - b. The Secretary office will remain open until the vacant Commission position is filled.
 - c. After the vacant position is filled, the GPC will self-determine the terms of office for each member.
9. Closing Round:
 - a. Earth Day, April 22: University City will have a booth at the Forest Park Earth Day festival. Contact Lynnette to volunteer.
 - b. Please read the energy efficiency/ renewable energy/ greenhouse gas reduction ordinance to be presented to Council. Respond to Tim via email with questions and comments before April 2.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.