

## **Green Practices Commission Update to University City Council September 24, 2012**

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### **Mission**

*The mission of the Green Practices Commission of University City is to encourage sustainable practices and programs that improve the health and quality of life of our community; restore and protect our natural resources; and strengthen our economy.*

### **Vision**

*Our vision for University City is to have a fully engaged community – City government, citizens, students, business owners, and patrons that integrate sustainability into every decision made, every action taken.*

### **Values**

*Our values are three-fold.*

- *We believe there is a connection between economic, environmental and social well-being.*
- *We believe we must be stewards of our community; therefore, this compels us to use our knowledge to enhance the quality of life of future generations.*
- *We believe that local behavior and global development are linked: this requires that we think globally, as we act locally.*

### **Sustainability Strategic Plan Categories**

1. Ecosystems/ Habitat
2. Water/ Stormwater
3. Air Quality/ Transportation
4. Waste/ Resource Conservation
5. Land Use/ Open Space/ Parks
6. Energy
7. Green Buildings

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### **Updates**

*At the Study Session, we will review goals and action items for the seven subcommittees within the Green Practices Commission:*

1. Ecosystems/ Habitat Goals
  - a. Under development by subcommittee
2. Water/ Stormwater Goals
  - a. Work on River des Peres Master Plan with Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD), River des Peres Watershed Coalition, Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MO DNR), US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
3. Air Quality/ Transportation Goals
  - a. Under development by subcommittee
4. Waste/ Resource Conservation Goals
  - a. Recycling, with focus on City, business owners, residents
5. Land Use/ Open Space/ Parks Goals
  - a. Establish Green master plan for the entire city, with the following components: Parks; Open Space; City Properties; Exterior Lighting; Street Furniture; Design Standards
  - b. Enhance and improve land use and open space in University City
  - c. Comprehensive Planning and Zoning upgrade
6. Energy Goals
  - a. Develop City buildings' energy reduction targets based on energy ordinance guidelines
  - b. Update City building codes
  - c. Establish City P.A.C.E. program
  - d. Renewable Energy Systems opportunity
  - e. Community Energy System
  - f. Improve City transportation energy use
  - g. Carbon use reporting and documentation
7. Green Buildings Goals
  - a. Green residential code update
  - b. Green commercial building code update
  - c. Adopt green building rating systems

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8. Global Green Practices Commission Goals
  - a. Develop an expanded subcommittee structure to implement goals and action items
  - b. Develop an overall education and marketing strategy to inform University City staff; local sustainability/ green practices professionals; the University City community at large

### **Publications and Reports**

*At the Study Session, we will provide detailed updates on the following items:*

1. Energy Audit Report
2. Greenhouse Gas Inventory Analysis
3. Street Light Study Follow-up
  - a. Recommend decommissioning approximately 10% of existing poles and lamps
  - b. Ameren has reduced pole charge by 50%
  - c. Upgrade street light efficiency
    - Ameren MO has no interest in installing more efficient technology
  - d. Acquire street light infrastructure
    - Ameren MO is not cooperating
4. Energy Ordinance Follow-Up
  - a. GPC presented draft to Staff for review
  - b. GPC responded to Staff comments
  - c. Presented to City's Counsel for review and recommendations
  - d. Recommend submitting to City Council for action
5. Green Practices Commission Brochure
  - a. Published
  - b. Available for additional printing on demand

### **Thank You!**

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