



APPROVED Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

November 8, 2012

Location: Heman Park Community Center

Attendees: Jerry Breakstone, Lynnette Hicks, Jeffrey Mishkin, Neville Rapp, Lois Sechrist, Michael Glickert and Helen Fuller

Absent: Dianne Benjamin and Tim Michels

Guest: Doug Campion, Campion Group, Project Manager, Dave Gnaegy, Landscape Architect, CH2M Hill and Laura Glasser, Electrical Engineer, CH2M Hill

1. Roll Call at 6:00 p.m.
2. Opening Round:
 - a. Neville Rapp – Attended workshop on Sustainability at Washington University on November 1 & 2.
 - b. Jerry Breakstone – Had nothing to report
 - c. Helen Fuller – Had nothing to report
 - d. Lois Sechrist – Had nothing to report
 - e. Jeff Mishkin – Had nothing to report
 - f. Lynnette Hicks– Had nothing to report
 - g. Michael Glickert– Had nothing to report
3. Administrative items: Approval of Draft Minutes from October 11, 2012 – approved as corrected.
4. Special Presentations: Doug Campion, Campion Group and Project Manager and his team, Dave Gnaegy, Landscape Architect, CH2M and Laura Glasser, Electrical Engineer, CH2M, presented the plans for the Trolley Roundabout which is to be installed at the west end of the Delmar Loop. The Trolley Project, which is funded by an Urban Circulator grant, as a whole is moving forward according to schedule. It is anticipated that construction will last for 10-12 months.
 - a. The Commission would like to see the project team working with U City in Bloom (UCIB) on the planting and grass selections for the landscaping part of the project. Would generally like to see all native plantings and no turf grass; however, UCIB should make the final decisions. Ideally the view of Civic Plaza should be maintained and not diminished by native plantings that are unsightly and requiring extra maintenance by UCIB.

- b. The Commission would like to have LED lighting replacements for the street lights along the route. Even if LED technology is more expensive to purchase, the LED energy cost savings will make up for the differences in price on the existing high pressure sodium (less efficient) lights.
 - c. The Commission is aware that no trees are planned on the University City side.
 - d. The Commission was informed that Dave Sandel is developing the media hub part of the project.
 - e. The Commission is aware that the project team has coordinated with Washington University (on their new buildings planned for the eastern end of the project) and there are no issues.
 - f. The Commission was informed the construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in mid-February and the project duration is 10 to 12 months. The construction will include shutting down sections of the Delmar in two block stretches and working on one side of the street at a time. In addition, construction of the round-about and the trolley will progress at the same time on both ends of Delmar.
 - g. The Commission was informed that the signage and graphics were not yet finalized and would be ready by the 11/28/12 Plan Commission meeting.
5. New Business – How subcommittees will present their topics to the full Commission is not yet resolved and will be a work in progress.
- a. Lois Sechrist suggested that topics to be presented could do so at alternating, specific Commission meetings. She envisioned a special presentations format if there was sufficient information to present.
 - b. Jeff Mishkin thought it was a good idea and wanted to make sure people who were interested can come to that particular meeting.
 - c. Jerry Breakstone was concerned about this format requiring too much time from other meeting business. He asked how other Commissions handled subcommittee reports – if indeed they had a subcommittee structure similar to ours.
 - d. Lois Sechrist will give the format of presentations more consideration.
6. Old Business
- a. Member Assignments:
 - Green Buildings – Lois Sechrist
 - Energy – Tim Michels
 - Ecosystems/Habitat – Dianne Benjamin
 - Water/Storm water – Open (Neville Rapp has stepped down from the Commission effective January 1, 2013)
 - Air Quality/Transportation – Jeff Mishkin
 - Waste/Resource Conservation – Helen Fuller
 - Land Use/Open Space/Parks – Jerry Breakstone
 - b. Draft of proposed Bylaw Amendments – Amended sections reviewed and agreed upon.
 - c. Term Assignments: Terms will become effective January, 2012
 - Jeff Mishkin – 2 years

Helen Fuller – 2 years

Jerry Breakstone – 1 year

Lois Sechrist – 3 years

Neville Rapp – Retiring

Tim Michels – Absent – Chair will fill in term assignment years

Dianne Benjamin – Absent – Chair will fill in term assignment years

- d. Energy Conservation Codes – Jared Agee in the Community Development Department asked the Commission for input on the City's process to adopt the 2009 energy section of the Energy Conservation Codes and switching to the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code. Lynnette Hicks will send the request from Jared Agee and the code sections to members for comment by mid-November 2012.
- e. RainScape Rewards – Resolution for municipal participation will be presented at City Council on November 13, 2012.

7. Reports –

- a. Council Liaison Report: Councilmember Michael Glickert – City Council participated in a six hour goal setting session on November 3, 2012. The session was chaired by a facilitator and the information from the session will be available at the next Council meeting.

8. Comments & Questions from Citizens –

- a. Mark Donohue asked about the Electric Engineers assessment that High Pressure Sodium lights they were planning to install in the Loop instead of LED lights. She had stated that the LED lights were cost prohibitive and that the light output from the High Pressure Sodium lights was superior.
- b. Lynnette Hicks and Jeff Mishkin responded that the Electrical Engineer (the Trolley/Roundabout group had excused themselves after their presentation) was not correct about the lights both in terms of light output and energy savings cost over time. Lynnette stated that the City was conducting a Demo project of their own along Delmar in the Loop from Kingsland to Westgate that Citizens could participate in.

9. Closing Round

- a. Lois Sechrist will be attending a conference on St. Louis City's Sustainability Plan
- b. Jerry Breakstone requested that the GPC meeting time be changed from 6:30 – 8:00 pm to 6:00 – 7:30 pm.
- c. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. The change in time will become effective January, 2013. Lynnette Hicks will make sure the meeting time change is added to the 2013 calendar.

- d. Jeff Mishkin thanked Neville Rapp for her time and service with Green Practices.
- e. Councilmember Michael Glickert also thanked Neville Rapp for her service.
- f. Helen thanked Neville Rapp for her hard work and suggested Neville Rapp stay involved as the subcommittee transitioned to a new chair.

10. Adjournment – 7:35