



## Green Practices Commission

6801 Delmar Boulevard, University City, Missouri 63130, Phone: (314) 862-6767, Fax: (314) 863-9146

**MEETING OF THE GREEN PRACTICES COMMISSION  
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
Thursday, January 14, 2021  
5:30 p.m.**

**IMPOTANT NOTICE REGARDING  
PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE GREEN PRACTICES COMMISSION MEETING & PARTICIPATION**

**Green Practices Commission will Meet Electronically on January 14, 2021**

On March 20, 2020, City Manager Gregory Rose declared a State of Emergency for the City of University City due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Due to the current order restricting gatherings of people and the ongoing efforts to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the January 14, 2021 meeting will be conducted via videoconference.

**Webinar** via the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86109266386?pwd=aXBRRXNOaTIYWEIBWVUrQWk5MW1QZz09>

Passcode: 903919

**Audio Only Call:**

Or iPhone one-tap :

US: +19292056099,,86109266386#,,,,,0#,,903919# or +13017158592,,86109266386#,,,,,0#,,903919#

Or Telephone:

Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

US: +1 929 205 6099 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 669 900 6833 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or 877 853 5247 (Toll Free) or 888 788 0099 (Toll Free)

Webinar ID: 861 0926 6386

Passcode: 903919

International numbers available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86109266386>

**Citizen Participation**

Those who wish to provide a comment during the “Public Comments” portion as indicated on the Green Practices Commission agenda: may provide written comments to Jenny Wendt ahead of the meeting.

ALL written comments must be received **no later than 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.** Comments may be sent via email to: [jwendt@ucitymo.org](mailto:jwendt@ucitymo.org) or mailed to the City Hall – 6801 Delmar Blvd. – Attention Jenny Wendt, Senior Project Manager. Such comments will be provided to the Green Practices Commission prior to the meeting. Comments will be made a part of the official record and made accessible to the public online following the meeting.

Please note, when submitting your comments, a **name and address must be provided.** Please also note if your comment is on an agenda or non-agenda item, and a name and address are not provided, the provided comment will not be recorded in the official record.

The City apologizes for any inconvenience the meeting format change may pose to individuals, but it is extremely important that extra measures be taken to protect employees, residents board/commission members and elected officials during these challenging times.



## Green Practices Commission

6801 Delmar Boulevard, University City, Missouri 63130, Phone: (314) 862-6767, Fax: (314) 863-9146

# AGENDA

## GREEN PRACTICES COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday January 14, 2021 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Round
3. Approval of Minutes: 11/12/2020
4. Special Presentations
  - a. Public Comments (Limited to 3 minutes for individual's comments and 5 minutes for representatives of groups or organizations)
5. New Business
  - a. Sustainability Workplan: FY2021 January – June
  - b. Missouri Invasive Plant Task Force (MOIP) "Cease the Sale" and "Pledge to Stop the Spread of Invasive Plants (Barbara Brain)
6. Old Business
  - a. None
7. Council Liaison Update
8. Closing Round
9. Adjournment



## Green Practices Commission

6801 Delmar Boulevard, University City, Missouri 63130, Phone: (314) 862-6767, Fax: (314) 863-9146

Meeting Minutes – University City Green Practices Commission

November 12, 2020 **DRAFT**

Location: Heman Park Community Center

Attendees Present: John Solodar (Chairperson), Mary Gorman, Liz Essman, Barbara Brain, Jonathan Stitelman, Timothy Dugan, Jenny Wendt (Staff Liaison), Stacy Clay (Council Liaison)

Attendees Absent: Adam Staudt

1. Meeting called to order at 5:33pm
2. Opening Round
  - a. Mary Gorman suggested Scott Schmidt from Metro Lighting come talk to GPC about energy efficient lighting.
3. 10/08/2020 meeting minutes were approved with minor corrections
4. Special Presentations
  - a. Ameren Missouri: Renewable Solutions Program - TABLED
  - b. Sustainability Plan Update – Wash U Sustainability Exchange Program presentation: Professor Ray Ehrard, and students Stepha Kokokov, Carter Rholl, Mary Kimbell Vereen provided information about the update of the Sustainability Strategic Plan.
  - c. Public Comments - Katie Dionne reminded the committee reminded the committee that a significant portion of university city's population lives in rental units, and to ask that renters be considered when finding ways to transition our city to clean energy. Much as we want clean energy, not all of us are able to sign a long-term contract with an energy company. Please discuss ways to make clean energy accessible to non-homeowners.
5. New Business
  - a. Campaign/Yard Sign Recycling – A collection event will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup> from 9am – noon for corrugated plastic signs.
6. Old Business
  - a. Mosquito Control – The Commission discussed the necessity and the effectiveness of mosquito fogging. Barbara Brain reported data indicating the use of fogging does not reduce West Nile or other diseases caused by mosquitos. The commission agreed unanimously to recommend to City Council that the City discontinues mosquito fogging and instead focus on larvicide and mosquito control education.
7. Council Liaison Update:

- People have reported car doors being checked for unlocked doors. The Police are starting a campaign to remind residents to lock their car doors.
- Financial situation for U City is better than anticipated.
- No change on the Costco project, city is using eminent domain on a few commercial properties in the area.

8. Closing Round

- a. Jonathan is moving within University City to Ames Place.
- b. Jenny reported that she featured in an article in the Healthy Planet for her work in sustainability in University City and the region, and that she has submitted the year-end report for the Green Cities Challenge.

9. Adjournment at 6:44 pm.

DRAFT



## Public Works Department

6801 Delmar Boulevard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, University City, Missouri 63130, Phone: (314) 505-8560, Fax: (314) 862-0694

### STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 14, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: Sustainability Workplan: FY2021 January - June

---

The Commission will discuss some of the upcoming sustainability projects and initiatives planned for January through June of 2021. These include:

- **Energy Audit:** The CTS Group has started an energy assessment of the city's facilities which will determine operational changes that can be made to improve efficiency, and provide a rough estimate of what it will cost to upgrade systems in a way that increases energy efficiency to the extent that the annual energy savings cover the cost of the upgrades over time (or the annual debt service of a project if financed). When the assessment is complete, the results will be provided for the city to determine the best method to achieve our energy goals – in addition to providing valuable information that can be used in capital planning and as a basis for an Energy Master Plan.
- **Materials Recovery Facility Feasibility Study:** A materials recovery facility, or MRF, is a facility designed to sort and bundle various commingled curbside or commercial recyclable materials. In April 2019 the City received funding from the St. Louis Jefferson Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) for a feasibility Study for re-establishing the MRF that was functional prior to 2007. An RFP was advertised, a proposal was selected by staff, and approval to proceed is anticipated by Council on January 25, 2021. Completion of this study is anticipated for June 2021.
- **Oops Program (Curbside Recycling Cart Audit):** University City received grant funding from the St. Louis County Department of Public Health Waste Diversion Program to perform a residential recycling cart audit. This is a 5-step program; it starts with data gathering, creating communication materials, training cart auditors, deployment of program (6 – 8 weeks of auditing), and finally tracking, evaluating, and adjusting the recycling program to reduce contamination. Deployment of the program is anticipated to begin in May 2021.
- **Electronics Recycling Event(s):** University City received grant funding from the St. Louis Jefferson Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) for two electronics recycling events in Spring and Fall 2021 which includes free CRT TV recycling. The spring event is tentatively scheduled for March 2021.
- **Anti-litter Campaign:** An anti-litter campaign was originally scheduled for spring 2020. This campaign was delayed due to COVID. It is anticipated this initiative will be revived Spring 2021. See attached Anti-Litter Memorandum for details about the campaign.
- **Website Improvements:** Staff and a Washington University Sustainability Intern have been working on adding a section on the University City's website specific to environmental stewardship. This section will include: Energy & Atmosphere, Recycling & Materials, Biodiversity, Transportation, Water & Green Infrastructure, and Reports & Initiative.



## Public Works Department

6801 Delmar Boulevard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, University City, Missouri 63130, Phone: (314) 505-8560, Fax: (314) 862-0694

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Sinan Alpaslan, Director of Public Works  
FROM: Jenny Wendt, Senior Project Manager  
DATE: October 28, 2019  
SUBJECT: Anti-Litter Campaign

---

The topic of litter has been discussed in Green Practices Commission meetings; a commissioner drew up a draft plan of action. A follow-up meeting was held at City Hall. Participants of this meeting included a green practices commissioner: Liz Essman, Public Works staff: Jenny Wendt, Dennis Luckett, Code Enforcement: Tim Scott, Rachel White, Allison Bamberger, and several concerned citizens: Joel Minor, Naomi Silver, Beth Metzler, Emma Scharff, Sharon Logan (Lions Against Litter).

Three action areas were identified: actions by the City, actions by citizens, and actions by private businesses. Actions to be discussed with private businesses will be coordinated with the Director of Economic Development.

#### **Proposed City actions are as follows:**

- Additional trash containers on Olive and crossroads of busy intersections, including North and South, Hanley, and Midland. The Sanitation Superintendent will determine the cost for new containers and if they can be budgeted.
- Municipal code property maintenance requirements will be reviewed to determine what businesses must do to keep property clean, as well as what can be encouraged. Multiple sections of code refer to litter, <https://www.ecode360.com/28290233>, <https://www.ecode360.com/28291137>, <https://www.ecode360.com/28291136>. Planning will investigate further.
- Create or reuse successful antilitter PR for roadway signs, signs for private business, and for schools. Public Works will work with Communications Director on this task and bring proposed signage back for approval consideration.
- Install anti-litter signs on Midland, Hanley, and North and South near Olive where litter tends to accumulate. Public Works/Streets will install these signs.
- Promote Adopt-a-Stop (bus stops), Adopt-a-Highway (MoDOT/Olive Blvd.), Adopt-a-Roadside (County roads). This can be promoted by Public Works and Communications.

- Invite Washington University to support this campaign. Public Works will initiate this conversation with JoAnna Schooler.
- Inquire about community service needs with U City courts and County courts to determine if there are people available for litter removal and what logistics are involved. Public Works will initiate this conversation.
- Promote the importance of property maintenance to businesses, including encouraging businesses to post signs on private property about litter. Economic Development will reach out to businesses about this.

**Proposed citizen actions are as follows:**

- Host clean-up events (with the city's support). One event already took place on October 30<sup>th</sup> by Christ the King 6<sup>th</sup> graders, and one is tentatively scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup> by high school students. Public Works Sanitation Division supports these events by providing tools and supplies as available.
- Promote anti-litter campaigns at schools. Emma Scharff, the president of the High School's environmental club will discuss this with staff. Beth Metzler will discuss this with Catholic School staff, and Joel Minor will discuss this with his children's schools.
- Promote to schools the various contests that are currently available through MoDOT and the Missouri Department of Conservation, the "Trash Can contest" and "No More Trash! Bash" programs <https://www.nomoretrash.org/trash-can-contest>, <https://www.nomoretrash.org/trash-bash>. Emma, Joel, Beth, and Jenny can work on this.
- Lions against Litter will continue its successful actions (March – October monthly clean-up events).
- Encourage organizations possible litter removal events.

**Proposed private business actions are as follows:**

- Daily/regular litter removal.
- Sign up for an "Adopt-a" program.
- Add trash receptacles around property.
- Post anti-litter signage.

All the private business actions can be encouraged by Economic Development.

Litter is an issue everywhere. It will take a multi-faceted campaign to make changes. Making small changes with the involvement from multiple groups can add up to noticeable change. All parties mentioned above are aware of this plan and have agreed with their part of the action plan.



**Public Works Department**

6801 Delmar Boulevard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, University City, Missouri 63130, Phone: (314) 505-8560, Fax: (314) 862-0694

**STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: January 14, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: Missouri Invasive Plant Task Force (MOIP) "Cease the Sale" and "Pledge to Stop the Spread of Invasive Plants"

---

Barbara Brain will discuss the MOIP's initiative to minimize additional spread of invasive plants and help lessen the long-term impact of invasive plants.