

CITY OF LAKE SAINT LOUIS
GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 24, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at Lake Saint Louis Civic Center Board Conference Room.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chairman Scott Ellis, Vice Chairman Ed Young, Jane Wilson, John Pellerito, Alderman, Steve Schertel, Director of Community Development and Brenda Cueller, acting as recording secretary. Absent: Dana Delibovi and Ben Hanewinkel.

CALL TO ORDER:

Alderman Pellerito opened the meeting and stated Kathy Schweikert will no longer be on the committee due to her election as an alderman but will be assigned to another committee. Alderman Pellerito introduced Jane Wilson as Kathy Schweikert's replacement.

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Chairman Ellis reviewed the minutes and made changes.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Vice Chairman Young made a motion to approve the March 27, 2009 Green Environmental Advisory Committee meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Alderman Pellerito and unanimously approved.

THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 27, 2009 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ARE HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The Committee discussed that Dana Delibovi will have an article in The Happenings which is published 4 times a year. The committee members discussed how to reduce the use of paper for The Happenings when being sent to residents. The Committee discussed having the magazine placed on the City's website and having residents place their email address on a list to be notified when the magazine is placed on the website.

The Committee also discussed a list of 8 topics that Dana Delibovi emailed to the Committee members requesting their response to which topic should be written first.

The Committee suggested that the first article being placed in the paper should start with an overview of the Committee and their goals and then the article. The Committee selected a name for the spot in the paper where the Committee's articles will be placed – Green Living. The Committee decided that anyone within the City could contact either John Pellerito or Dana Delibovi regarding an item they would want addressed or an article placed. Both John and Dana's emails will be listed in the article.

The Committee will be placed on the City's website along with other Committees in the City.

Alderman Pellerito stated he had contacted Wal-Mart regarding a disposal center and was informed that Wal-Mart had a program where they provided low energy light bulbs to businesses and residents. Alderman Pellerito stated Carol, with Wal-Mart, is working on getting approval of the disposal center. Alderman Pellerito stated that if Wal-Mart is unable to provide this service to the City, Home Depot and Lowes also have such programs.

The Committee discussed investigating special appliance and electronics recycling programs and federal grants for weatherization and household energy efficiencies. At our next meeting, the Committee will discuss more about our role in securing Federal funds for energy conservation initiatives. The Committee will discuss at its next meeting the methodology to use for estimating gas/carbon emissions. Each member should look at websites for the methodology to use for estimating gas/carbon emissions. The Committee discussed whether one more meeting was needed before the end of next month and decided smaller work sessions could be done through emails.

Steve and John presented a data table that showed a total of 5,940 housing units within City boundaries. Included are detached, attached, and multi-family units. Also, 578 companies have been issued business permits (although this number includes contractors working on local building projects within City limits). And, the Staff estimates a City population at approximately 14,000 individuals.

To Do:

- Develop Committee website
 - List members.
 - Place goals.
 - Place approved minutes.
 - Place upcoming agendas.
 - Add "related links" to website.
- Create a carbon footprint for the City using professional and/or simple models for measuring emissions.
 - Purchase software or go online to get carbon calculators.

- Each committee member to look at websites for methodology to use for gas/carbon emission.
- Listing of type and number of businesses.
- Survey taken to residents.
- Investigate City Operations
 - Reduce energy expenditure
 - What does the Parks Department utilize regarding ground maintenance equipment and supplies?
- Inform and educate the community:
 - Place an article in Newstime.
 - Get the quarterly magazine out on email and hard copy.
 - Place a green page in “The Happenings”.
- Help to conserve green space, trees, and bike paths in community.
- Amend ordinance regarding landscaping plans to encourage use of native plants.
- Consider stormwater management plan and other water quality issues.
- Research and apply for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.
- CFL (compact florescent lights) lighting disposal – City provide a safe and convenient location to discard.
- Promote more participation in recycling in City.
- Investigate special appliance and electronics recycling programs.
- Investigate use of dimmable florescent bulbs.

Short-term Action Plan:

- Place a column in Newstime and The Happenings
- Inform residents regarding utilization of pesticides and fertilizers on their lawn.
- Contact Wal-Mart regarding having a disposal site for CFL lights.
- Check into the success of the current recycling program.
- Learn about City ordinances and policies.
- Learn about greenhouse gas emission models.
- Study the current stormwater system in Lake Saint Louis.
- Plan a special appliance and electronics recycling collection day.

Long-term Action Plan:

- Make a plan on how to measure greenhouse gas emissions (carbon footprint) for City.
- Conduct a survey – individual households and businesses.
- Analyze inputs to arrive at Lake Saint Louis carbon footprint.
- Report recommendations for lowering greenhouse gas emissions to the Board of Aldermen.
- Provide other “green” recommendations to the Board of Aldermen.

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, May 29, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at Lake Saint Louis Civic Center Board Conference Room.

AGENDA:

- Investigate the type of model to obtain emission figures.
- What role can the Committee play in obtaining more information on the Stimulus Block Grant?
- Investigate recycling programs for appliances and electronics.
- Research on dimmable florescent bulbs.
- Discussion about Committee website.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Approved

Brenda Cueller
Serving as recording secretary of the meeting