

**CITY OF LAKE SAINT LOUIS
GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 25, 2011**

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chairman Ed Young, Vice Chairman Scott Ellis, Dana Delibovi, Ann Finklang, Alderman John Pellerito and Chris Ryan with Cuivre River Electric sitting in for Keith Stone. Absent: Keith Stone. Also present: Steve Schertel, Director of Community Development, and Brenda Cueller, acting as recording secretary.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Young called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA:

Chairman Young made a motion to approve the March 25, 2011 Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Finklang and the motion carries.

THE AGENDA FROM THE MARCH 25, 2011 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

MINUTES: January 28, 2011 and February 25, 2011

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES:

Chairman Young made a motion to approve the January 28, 2011 Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Finklang and the motion carries.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 28, 2011 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES:

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Chairman Young made a motion to approve the February 25, 2011 Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Finklang and the motion carries.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 25, 2011 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS:

1. *UPDATE ON THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT GRANT*

Vice Chairman Ellis stated they were still in a holding period waiting for formal approval from the Department of Natural Resources through the Solid Waste Management District. Vice Chairman Ellis said once the approval is given, the City would work out the financial agreement with the Solid Waste Management District and then the funds would be available. Vice Chairman Ellis said the initial spending will be for recycle bins for the parks. He stated there were two (2) vendors providing information on the recycle bins and before a final decision is made, the bins will be brought back to City Hall.

The Committee discussed the recycle bins' design and if the cost would include the bins being weighted down.

Alderman Pellerito stated that Tom Zoellner, Parks Supervisor, should be asked for his input since he is the person dealing with them.

Chairman Young stated on March 29, 2011, Vice Chairman Ellis, Alderman Pellerito and he will work on educational materials with Christian Environmental Services.

2. *UPDATE ON THE BIO-RETENTION SYSTEM AND RAIN GARDEN PROJECT*

Chairman Young distributed copies of Derek Koestel's tentative schedule of events for the project. Chairman Young stated they were in a holding pattern waiting for the funds to be released.

Alderman Pellerito stated the next stakeholder meeting is April 1st. The Committee had a general discussion regarding Derek Koestel's tentative schedule.

Vice Chairman Ellis stated that Chairman Young and he went to Forrest Keeling Nursery in Elsberry where they have many native plants. He noted that they had brochures on rain gardens and picked up a brochure. Vice Chairman Ellis asked that the brochure and salesperson's information be passed on to Lorri Grueber, City's

Arborist/Horticulturist.

3. UPDATE ON HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF EVENT

Chairman Young said Vice Chairman Ellis and he have not checked out the St. Peters facility but will try and view the facility before the next meeting.

Vice Chairman Ellis said he would contact one of the vendors they had been told about by St. Charles County Recycle Works that puts on hazardous waste drop-off events for other cities and organizations to check about pricing for hosting an event.

4. UPDATE OCTOBER 15, 2011 ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Chairman Young said he has been in contact with The Meadows and WITS and have the date scheduled for October 15th at The Meadows. Chairman Young stated the paperwork needs to be submitted.

Vice Chairman Ellis said he dropped off Styrofoam packing at the Pittman Avenue Recycle Works and took electronics to the WITS drop-off at the Family Arena in St. Charles.

The Committee had a general discussion regarding other places accepting recyclable materials.

5. COMMUNICATION UPDATE

Committeewoman Delibovi thanked the Committee for their review and comments of the article for Newstime and stated the article is finished. She said the article will be sent to Newstime as soon as she receives approval of a quote placed in the article. Committeewoman Delibovi noted that the article cannot be placed on the website until Newstime has put the article out.

Committeewoman Delibovi distributed a mockup of the "Caring for the City" brochure. She discussed the brochure's contents and requested the Committee's comments.

The Committee had a brief discussion of the brochure's contents and cost.

6. GREEN BUSINESS UPDATE

Chairman Young said Committeewoman Delibovi's article for Newstime and brochure are in progress. Chairman Young said he would like the Committee to keep

“patronizing businesses that recycle” on the front burner. He stated when he patrons businesses, he inquires if they recycle and is amazed at how many businesses do not recycle. Chairman Young discussed places that create compost from food scraps.

7. OLD OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Pellerito said he has not contacted companies to do research on shredding. Chairman Young said many shredding events are done in conjunction with a bank and thought the City could have a shredding event in cooperation with a bank.

8. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Young said the Committee is working on a shredding event, electronics recycling event, Committeewoman Delibovi's articles for Newstime and brochure. Chairman Young said Vice Chairman Ellis and he have been working on the grant for the trash and recycling bins as well as the educational brochures. Chairman Young said the Committee has taken on a huge volume of items within the last three years and believes current projects need to be completed before future items can be considered.

Vice Chairman Ellis said the City is lucky to have Committeeman Stone from CREC on the Committee and asked Mr. Ryan if there was some way for the Committee to be helpful to Cuivre River Electric Cooperative.

Chairman Young said Committeeman Stone is looking at the cost of bulbs for street lights that funding was obtained through a grant. Chairman Young stated Committeeman Stone mentioned a cost-sharing with the City for bulbs.

Alderman Pellerito said the Committee is aware of wire rolls in the yard at CREC and will find out where CREC can get rid of them.

9. DISCUSSION OF “TO DO” LIST, LONG-TERM ACTION PLAN, AND ANY NEW INITIATIVES FOR THE COMMITTEE

To Do List:

- Improve Committee website
- Implement recommendations for City Hall operation and staff activities to reduce energy use and carbon emissions.
- Expand this energy analysis for other Lake Saint Louis buildings and households.
- Inform and educate the community through the website and articles in Newstime and The Happenings.
- Help to conserve green space, trees, and bike paths in the community.
- Consider storm water management plan and other water quality issues.

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- Inform residents regarding utilization of pesticides and fertilizers on their lawn.
- Assist City staff in application for energy efficiency and other sustainability grants.
- Learn about City ordinances and building codes that promote energy efficiency and “green” living.
- Amend ordinance regarding landscaping plans to encourage use of native plants.
- Promote more participation in recycling in City.
- Promote greater use by the City and individuals of compact fluorescent lights (CFL).
- Establish a safe disposal location for CFL’s.
- Investigate reuse of yard wastes collected in the City.
- Place home kwh measuring devices in local libraries.

LONG-TERM ACTION PLAN:

- Provide “green” recommendations to the Board of Aldermen and City Staff, including energy conservation, recycling program, green space preservation, transportation choices, and enhanced water quality practices.
- Establish long-term practices for education of citizens for green/sustainable living.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is Friday, April 29, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. in the Lake Saint Louis Civic Center Board Conference Room.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL 29, 2011:

1. Approval of March minutes and April agenda.
2. Update on the Solid Waste Management District grant.
3. Update on the bio-retention system and rain garden project.
4. Update on Hazardous waste drop off event.
5. Update October 15th 2011 Electronics recycling event
6. Communication update
7. Green business update
8. Other old business

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9. Other new business.

- Solar panel lease for city buildings

10. Discussion of "To Do" list, long-term action plan, and any new initiatives for the committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Approved

Brenda Cueller
Serving as recording secretary of the meeting