

**CITY OF LAKE SAINT LOUIS
GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2010**

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chairman Scott Ellis, Ann Finklang, Keith Stone, and Alderman John Pellerito. Absent: Allyson Malek and Vice Chairman Ed Young. Also present: Steve Schertel, Director of Community Business; Tim Cantrell, IT Specialist; and Brenda Cueller, acting as recording secretary.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ellis called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA:

Chairman Ellis made a motion to approve the September 24, 2010 Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Finklang and the motion carries.

THE AGENDA FROM THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2010 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

MINUTES: August 27, 2010

Committeeman Stone stated on Page 2, 1st paragraph, last sentence in the paragraph should be moved down to the end of the second paragraph on Page 2.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Committeewoman Finklang made a motion to approve the amended August 27, 2010 Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Stone and the motion carries.

THE MINUTES FROM THE AMENDED AUGUST 27, 2010 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

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GENERAL DISCUSSIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. UPDATE ON RECYCLING INITIATIVES, INCLUDING DROP-OFF RECYCLING EVENT AND CHILDREN'S ART CONTEST

Chairman Ellis stated there is a meeting on October 7th at The Meadows to work out the logistics for the drop-off recycling event. He said the drop-off area will be at the same location as last year - parking lot next to the fountain. Chairman Ellis said WITS was told to invoice the City for \$1,000 once the event was over. Chairman Ellis said he has received contributions from NISC and Christian Environmental Services, and stated he is working on Wal-Mart, St. Joseph Hospital West and Coldwell Banker Gundaker for additional contributions. The money will be utilized to purchase lunches for the volunteers and pay for a "Thank You" ad to be placed in Newstime, with the remainder going to WITS for transportation costs. Committeeman Stone said Dave Rasmussen, from Cuivre River Electric, will be on the lot at 9:00 a.m. the day of the event with the forklift.

Committeewoman Finklang discussed the email Committeewoman Malek sent regarding ribbons to be distributed for participation in the art contest. Committeewoman Finklang said the deadline for the art contest has been moved back to October 12th. She stated the winners of the contest will receive their awards at the October 18th Board of Aldermen meeting. Two \$50 savings bonds have been promised by First Bank.

Chairman Ellis said Christian Environmental Services delivered twelve recycling containers to Founders Park last Thursday. Chairman Ellis said the containers will be utilized for big events and put away in storage after the events. Chairman Ellis noted that one of the containers will be placed at Zachary's Playground and one container at Boulevard Park. Chairman Ellis stated two smaller recycling bins were received at City Hall for inside use – one for the Police Department and one for City Hall, and one large container was placed at the Public Works building. Chairman Ellis said there was no progress with the Lake Saint Louis Community Association receiving recycling containers and noted that the Community Association does not have a contract with Christian Environmental Services. Patrick McLaughlin, from Christian, has indicated that he will work with Chairman Ellis on a grant proposal for more permanent recycle bins for the parks.

2. UPDATE ON WATER QUALITY ISSUES, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT OF RAIN GARDEN PLOT IN BOULEVARD PARK

Alderman Pellerito stated they are working on a demonstration bio-retention and rain garden area at Boulevard Park. Alderman Pellerito said the bio-retention demonstration

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area will show developers how to handle wet areas that they do not know what to do with, and the rain garden would show residents how to handle their private storm water problems that the City cannot resolve.

Alderman Pellerito said the cost to build this demonstration area is considerable and noted that when Derek Koestel, Director of Public Works, first put together some figures it was \$35,000. Alderman Pellerito said the cost has been brought down significantly to around \$8,000 to complete the project by utilizing City staff, limited subcontractor work, and volunteers. Alderman Pellerito said there are three grants that the City will apply for to help pay for this project - Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Department of Natural Resources and Cuivre River Electric. Alderman Pellerito noted there may be a fourth grant from Wal-Mart of \$1,000. Alderman Pellerito discussed the grants that will be applied for this project.

Alderman Pellerito stated he hopes this demonstration area will encourage the developer and resident to use this as a tool to correct some of their problems. Alderman Pellerito believes this project can save the City money regarding storm water runoff problems.

Alderman Pellerito stated volunteers are important to the success of this project, noting that some of the clubs in the area can do planting. Alderman Pellerito said Lorri Grueber, the City's Horticulturist/Arborist, is contacting The Green Gloves club and a couple of other organizations. A brief discussion was held regarding when the planting would be done.

Alderman Pellerito briefly discussed the tentative timeline for this project (January 1, 2011 through September 17, 2011).

3. OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Ellis stated a bike rack was installed in front of City Hall. The Community Association clubhouse still does not have one.

Alderman Pellerito said Derek Koestel's staff was working on the Energy Audit's low cost recommendations as time permits.

Chairman Ellis stated Dana Delibovi needs ideas for additional articles to be written.

Committeeman Stone noted that Cuivre River Electric Cooperative brought over 500 additional CFL bulbs to City Hall for distribution to residents.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Tim Cantrell, IT Specialist, who is on the ERME (Environmental Responsible Municipal Employees) Committee said the Committee’s purpose is to educate employees. Mr. Cantrell said the Committee has “ERME on the curb” once a month for employees to dispose of items that normally cannot be disposed of at their homes. Mr. Cantrell said the last few months the items they have highlighted for disposal has been latex paint, Styrofoam, batteries, cell phones. Mr. Cantrell said on their birthday, which will be this November, the Committee has a large recycling event for the employees. Mr. Cantrell stated this year’s event will be focused on “reuse”. Mr. Cantrell discussed the different fundraisers they have to pay for recycling and to provide desk-side recycling containers by employees’ desks. Mr. Cantrell discussed the different recycling locations and what they will accept.

Chairman Ellis asked the Committee to look over the “To Do List” and have a discussion of the list at next month’s meeting.

Committeewoman Finklang asked that the agenda and minutes be printed on both sides of the paper to reduce the use of paper.

2. COMMITTEE RENEWAL FOR 2011, INCLUDING NEW OFFICERS

Chairman Ellis stated that discussion here would be postponed to the October meeting.

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.
- 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.

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- 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:

Friday, October 29, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at Lake Saint Louis Civic Center Board Conference Room.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 29, 2010:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Results of drop-off electronics and appliances recycling event. (Scott)
2. Results of children's recycling art contest. (Ann)
3. Update on demonstration bio-retention and rain garden project at Boulevard Park. (John)
4. Articles for Newstime by Dana Delibovi (Scott)
5. Other Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Funding possibilities from St. Louis/Jefferson County Solid Waste Management District. (John)
2. Committee renewal for 2011, including new officers.
3. Discussion of "To Do List", Long-term Action Plan, and new initiatives for the Committee.

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ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:50 a.m.

Approved

Brenda Cueller
Serving as recording secretary of the meeting