

**CITY OF LAKE SAINT LOUIS
GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 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, Ann Finklang, and Alderman John Pellerito. Absent: Dana Delibovi, Keith Stone, and Steve Schertel, Director of Community Development. Also present: Brenda Cueller, acting as recording secretary.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Young called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA:

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

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

MINUTES: January 28, 2011

Chairman Young said since the minutes were distributed at today's meeting, approval of the minutes will be held at the March 25th meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES:

Committeewoman Finklang made a motion to approve the January 28, 2011 Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes at the March 25, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Ellis and the motion carries.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 28, 2011 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AT THE MARCH 25, 2011 MEETING IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

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GENERAL DISCUSSIONS:

1. UPDATE ON THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT GRANT

Vice Chairman Ellis said that the Committee did get the grant but it came in \$14,000 less than what was proposed. Vice Chairman Ellis stated how \$14,000 could be cut from the budget (e.g. better price on outside recycling bins, purchase fewer recycling bins, have Christian Environmental Services absorb more of the cost on recycling dumpsters or less recycling dumpsters).

Chairman Young stated that the Committee should propose to Patrick McLaughlin with Christian Environmental Services a couple components to breakdown the savings. Chairman Young stated the different areas that could be revised and then ask Mr. McLaughlin directly how much can they contribute toward this reduction. Chairman Young said they would need to tell Mr. McLaughlin that the Committee needs an answer by February 28th.

Vice Chairman Ellis said he was comfortable to wait and see what Christian Environmental Services would volunteer. Vice Chairman Ellis said if the Committee did not hear from them, he would call.

The Committee discussed where they could cut to reduce the budget by \$14,000.

Chairman Young said to present a list of items that the Committee can cut to Patrick McLaughlin and see what he thinks, since the Committee doesn't know how much he is willing to cover. Vice Chairman Ellis said he would call Mr. McLaughlin with this information.

Vice Chairman Ellis said that Chairman Young and he spoke with Mari at Christian Environmental Services about educational products. Vice Chairman Ellis said the goal is to get parks, marinas and country club bins on to the golf courses, into the parks starting by July 4th, noting that the funding is not available until June 1st.

Alderman Pellerito noted that Mari with Christian Environmental Services is looking at containers for us and knows what we want. She will have a container for us to see.

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

Chairman Young said there was a meeting on February 11th with all interested parties. Chairman Young said Vice Chairman Ellis, Committeewoman Finklang and he were at the meeting. Chairman Young said the bio-retention project is moving forward and

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looks good.

Alderman Pellerito stated the Lake Saint Louis Garden Club is giving the Committee \$1,050 and that money can be utilized for plants on this project. Alderman Pellerito said on February 14th he did a presentation on rain gardens for the Lake Saint Louis Garden Club. Alderman Pellerito said after speaking to Lorri Grueber, the City's horticulturalist, there will be no planting done in March but rather in September. Alderman Pellerito noted this was a change in the timeline.

3. UPDATE ON HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF EVENT

Chairman Young said that he and Vice Chairman Ellis did go to the St. Charles facility. Chairman Young noted that it was not totally positive but they did get a lot of information.

Vice Chairman Ellis said he spoke with the manager at the site which had a two-person crew. Vice Chairman Ellis said the facility over by the City of St. Charles – Recycle Works – has special rooms of where they store the hazardous items based on a lot of different regulations (e.g. hazardous waste, hazardous household items). The manager at this facility said they do not have a transportation license to move the hazardous items. Once or twice a year, the facility has a vendor, who does have a transportation license, move the items out of the rooms and haul it away. Vice Chairman Ellis said the St. Charles facility is not set up to take a lot of items at any one time. The St. Charles facility has special days in spring and summer where items can be brought in. Vice Chairman Ellis said all of those policies and regulations get in the way of the City having a drop-off event using St. Charles County recycling facility.

Chairman Young said another big barrier is that anyone who is connected with taking in household hazardous waste has to have special training, so any volunteers for the event would have to take the course.

Vice Chairman Ellis said he did get the names of four or five companies that operate in the St. Louis area, one being Eolia Waste Management. Vice Chairman Ellis noted this company does have the licensing and offers drop-off events. Vice Chairman Ellis stated he will contact Eolia to ask them questions and see what a drop-off event would cost once a year.

Chairman Young said another idea that Vice Chairman Ellis and he thought of as a possibility is through the Solid Waste Management District that the Committee could assist them with a grant or the Wentzville facility, which is closer to use, for the convenience of our residents to transport to their facility. Chairman Young noted that it was not illegal to transport your own hazardous waste to a site.

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Alderman Pellerito asked if the St. Peters facility had been contacted. Chairman Young said he would check the St. Peters facility.

4. COMMUNICATION UPDATE

Chairman Young said that Dana Delibovi provided a detailed outline to the Committee to review and comment on regarding article titles she can write and the environmental brochure she can create. Chairman Young said that the first thing Committeewoman Delibovi would like to do is place a 200 word article in Newstime titled "Shopping Locally Keeps Our City Green." She wants the Committee to give her approval for the submittal of that article. Chairman Young also said that Committeewoman Delibovi noted that there is certain jargon that should be avoided and she would mention in the article about local businesses that have good environmental practices.

MOTION TO APPROVE ARTICLE:

Committeewoman Finklang made a motion to approve Committeewoman Delibovi write an article to submit to Newstime titled "Shopping Locally Keeps Our City Green." The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Ellis and the motion carries.

MOTION TO APPROVE COMMITTEEWOMAN DELIBOVI WRITE AN ARTICLE TO SUBMIT TO NEWSTIME TITLED "SHOPPING LOCALLY KEEPS OUR CITY GREEN" IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

The Committee had a brief discussion regarding the Lake Saint Louis Environmental brochure to be created by Committeewoman Delibovi. The Committee agreed that they would help Committeewoman Delibovi with the cost for printing the brochure and would like to see a preview of the brochure.

Chairman Young said he would email Committeewoman Delibovi to inform her that the Committee approved her writing an article for Newstime and to let her know the Committee would like to share in the cost of the printing of the brochure.

5. GREEN BUSINESS UPDATE

Chairman Young said at the last meeting, Committeewoman Finklang and Alderman Pellerito were going to check on how the Committee would discuss green businesses. Committeewoman Finklang said she went to a website – Business.gov – and realized this endeavor was bigger than she thought. Committeewoman Finklang said there were many different types of businesses and she was not sure on how many criteria the Committee was going to set for being a green business.

Alderman Pellerito said the Committee should target businesses that include

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environmental sustainable things. Alderman Pellerito gave three different examples of local businesses showing environmental sustainable things – NISC, Greene’s Country Store and Wal-Mart.

The Committee had a discussion on what are the criteria for businesses with good environmental practices and to identify those local businesses.

Chairman Young said that Committeewoman Delibovi wants to highlight local businesses that have good environmental practices in her articles. The Committee discussed if she would have space in her articles to mention the businesses and agreed to ask her to place a sentence in the articles challenging businesses to contact the Committee on how they got green.

6. OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Committeewoman Finklang informed the Committee about an article she read that St. Charles City is working with WITS (Web Innovations and Technology Services) to provide recycling of electronics and appliances. Committeewoman Finklang said this is a monthly service they will provide that will be located at the Family Arena. She noted that the service is free but they do request donations. Committeewoman Finklang felt this information was helpful to the Committee if a resident inquires about this type of service before our annual drop-off event.

Alderman Pellerito said he and the Board of Aldermen have been contacted by residents regarding having a shredding event and said the community has displayed an interest. Aldermen Pellerito said he will start asking around.

7. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Pellerito said he is still working on the office supply purchasing program. Alderman Pellerito stated he plans on attending an ERME meeting to work with the members on that Committee to gather information of how items are purchased at City Hall.

8. 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.

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- 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.
- 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, March 25, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. in the Lake Saint Louis Civic Center Board Conference Room.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH 25, 2011:

1. Approval of January & February minutes and March 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

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7. Green business update
8. Other old business
9. Other new business.
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