

CITY OF LAKE SAINT LOUIS
GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 29, 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, Dana Delibovi, Ben Hanewinkel, Alderman John Pellerito, Steve Schertel, Director of Community Development and Martha Thompson-Kilz, acting as recording secretary.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ellis called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: April 24, 2009

Alderman Pellerito stated that the goal addressing Federal funding for weatherization and household energy efficiencies under *Short-term Action Plan* should be deleted. He and City staff are working on this.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Vice Chairman Young made a motion to approve the April 24, 2009 Green Environmental Advisory Committee meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Alderman Pellerito and unanimously approved.

THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 24, 2009 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ARE HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS:

EMISSIONS

Chairman Ellis provided a listing of web-based carbon emission calculators based on committee members searches. He suggested that the model chosen have inputs that relate to future recommendations we can make to City staff and aldermen for lowering carbon emissions. Examples of inputs include electricity used, source of energy for electricity production, transportation fuel costs, waste recycling, and more.

The Committee discussed the website ***www.energystar.gov***. In the near future, the Federal government will be publishing ratings and certifications based on input from

cities and using Energy Star standards. The website features a free calculator that committee members can access. The calculator is set up to accommodate both commercial and residential data. The Committee agreed that Energy Star is a great resource to consult for measuring energy expenditure.

It was suggested that we use the Energy Star website to get started on collecting data for the Committee's report.

MOTION TO APPROVE:

Dana Delibovi made a motion to approve the use of the Energy Star website for collecting data for the Green Environmental Advisory Committee's report. The motion was seconded by Chairman Ellis and unanimously approved.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE ENERGY STAR WEBSITE FOR COLLECTING DATA FOR THE GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S REPORT IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

Ben Hanewinkel agreed to send out the building inputs needed to use the calculator as well as a user name and password he created. Committee members agreed to begin to get familiar with the website.

The Committee discussed whether we should get the community involved at this point. It was agreed that the main focus now should be the carbon footprint of Lake Saint Louis City Hall and its many activities. Educating the community will follow. Ben Hanewinkel pointed out that up to two-thirds of the community's carbon footprint could be from residential activity.

Other related topics mentioned included making the City street lights more energy efficient, having City employees turn off computers and lights at the end of the day, and more recycling in City Hall and City parks.

STIMULUS BLOCK GRANT

The application deadline for a Stimulus Block Grant is June 25, 2009, but this is not definite. Alderman Pellerito stated that he and Paul Markworth, City Administrator, are in the process of compiling a grant proposal application to secure Federal funds for energy conservation initiatives. The Committee will be invited to contribute ideas for the grant application.

Ben Hanewinkel offered to make some calls and present copies of block grant proposals from other cities at the next meeting. Alderman Pellerito asked committee members to email any ideas, and he will present proposed activities for discussion at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE'S WEBSITE

Quick discussion about the Committee's website occurred. Links to calculators were briefly discussed, as well as links to articles written by committee members. Chairman Ellis agreed to work on this with Brenda Cueller.

OTHER IDEAS

Chairman Ellis discussed Lake Saint Louis perhaps sponsoring a special recycling event. The Meadows was discussed as a possible site for the event, as they have expressed an interest in participating in Lake Saint Louis community activities.

Jane Wilson suggested the possibility of an ordinance that would mandate energy efficient bulbs in new construction. Jane also suggested that the Committee at some point learn more about water quality measures in the two lakes.

Dana Delibovi is looking for topic suggestions for articles to submit for *The Happenings*, a quarterly publication. She also will work on the next *Newstime* article.

Chairman Ellis mentioned other topics from our *To Do List*, including composting and mulching yard wastes, listing of Lake Saint Louis green spaces, learning about green features in building codes, and working with Wal-Mart on a CFL disposal program.

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, June 26, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at Lake Saint Louis Civic Center Board Conference Room.

A listing of future meeting dates was distributed by Chairman Ellis.

AGENDA:

1. Review inputs for the Energy Star carbon emissions calculator. Talk about obtaining City Hall data to do an initial calculation.
2. Provide suggestions to Alderman Pellerito and the City Administrator for community needs for the Federal Energy Block Grant.
3. Talk about other committee initiatives.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:05 a.m.

Approved

Martha Thompson-Kilz
Serving as recording secretary of the meeting