

**CITY OF LAKE SAINT LOUIS
GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2014**

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, Dianne Kallunki-Baniak, Ann Finklang, Paula Wepprich, and Alderman John Pellerito. 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:

Vice Chairman Ellis made a motion to approve the January 29, 2014, Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Finklang and the motion carried.

THE JANUARY 29, 2014 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

MINUTES: December 18, 2013

Chairman Young stated the words “solar panels” need to be inserted on Page 3, third paragraph, first line:

“...any research on commercial **solar panels** only on...”

Vice Chairman Ellis stated the words “recycle bins” need to be inserted on Page 2, first paragraph after the Motion, first line:

“...that the screening variance **on the recycle bins** for one year has...”

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Committeewoman Finklang made a motion to approve the amended December 18, 2013 Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Wepprich and the motion carries.

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THE AMENDED MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 18, 2013 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS:

1. ***DISCUSSION DECEMBER MEETING***

Chairman Young welcomed Paula Wepprich as a new member and stated that all member positions were filled.

Chairman Young asked the Committee if they had any comments on the proposed letter that will be sent to City businesses promoting the use of recycling dumpsters.

The Committee discussed the contents of the letter and made their suggestions. It was decided that Committeewoman Kallunki-Baniak would fine-tune the letter for its distribution.

Vice Chairman Ellis stated he contacted ~~Angele~~ **Andrea** Hughes, Manager of ReStore with Habitat for Humanities of St. Charles County, if they would be interested in having another event in the City. Ms. Hughes said the ReStore has been moved and stated she will send me an email about something she would like to use our help. Vice Chairman Ellis said he will let the Committee know at the next meeting.

2. ***SOLAR PANEL ORDINANCE***

The Committee discussed the Solar Energy Systems ordinance.

Steve Schertel, Director of Community Development, informed the Committee that the Planning and Zoning Commission had questions regarding residential ground-mounted solar energy systems. The City Attorney was contacted and the following changes were made to the ordinance regarding residential ground-mounted solar energy systems:

- Located only in rear yard of property.
- Maximum height of structure five (5) feet.
- Certain amount of landscaping shall be placed to screen from public view.

Mr. Schertel said these revisions to the Solar Energy Systems ordinance will be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission at their next meeting. He said he hoped to have a revised draft to provide to this Committee to look at.

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Chairman Young said he contacted Mr. Aussie Thayer with Big Bend Electric to ask him about his experience under this ordinance that Clayton City has. He stated that this ordinance does not cause any undo burden to use.

The Committee discussed a permit fee associated with Solar Energy Systems installation.

MOTION:

Chairman Young made a motion to endorse the City of Lake Saint Louis move forward with the Solar Energy Systems Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Finklang and the motion carries.

MOTION TO ENDORSE THE CITY OF LAKE SAINT LOUIS MOVE FORWARD WITH THE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

3. 2014 BUDGET ITEMS

Chairman Young said the Committee has approved paying the mailing of the commercial recycling letter to City businesses. The budget for this year is \$1,500.

4. COMMUNICATION UPDATE

Committeewoman Kallunki-Baniak stated she has outlined topics for future articles and asked the Committee for topic ideas. She stated that an article will be placed every two (2) months.

The Committee discussed the different communication venues that have been used.

5. ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Chairman Young said he has requested information from ~~Andrea Haas~~ **Angela Haas** at WITS regarding availability dates for this year's event. He noted that the Committee prefers to have a company that is a non-profit company and talk about what they do.

Chairman Young stated that once he is given the dates from WITS, he will verify availability with Bridget at The Meadows. He noted that this is the 6th year for the electronics recycling event. Chairman Young noted that data on tonnage over the years is hard to give since the size of TV's has gone down.

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6. OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Young asked the Committee to keep looking for things that the Committee can do. He said to send those suggestions to him by email.

7. NEW BUSINESS – ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

The Committee had a discussion regarding the election of new officers.

MOTION:

Vice Chairman Ellis nominated Ed Young for Chairman of the Green Environmental Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Wepprich and the motion carries.

MOTION TO ELECT ED YOUNG AS CHAIRMAN TO THE GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

MOTION:

Chairman Young nominated Dianne Kallunki-Baniak for Vice Chairman of the Green Environmental Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Finklang and the motion carries.

MOTION TO ELECT DIANNE KALLUNKI-BANIAK AS VICE CHAIRMAN TO THE GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 26th at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Approved

Brenda Cueller
Serving as recording secretary of the meeting