

**CITY OF LAKE SAINT LOUIS
GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 30, 2012**

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, Ann Finklang, Keith Stone, and Alderman John Pellerito. Absent: Vice Chairman Scott Ellis and Committeewoman Dana Delibovi. 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:

Committeeman Stone made a motion to approve the March 30, 2012 Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Finklang and the motion carries.

THE AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 30, 2012 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

MINUTES: December 16, 2011 and January 27, 2012

MOTION TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 16, 2011 MINUTES:

Committeeman Stone made a motion to approve the December 16, 2011 Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Finklang and the motion carries.

THE MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 16, 2011 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 27, 2012 MINUTES:

Committeeman Stone made a motion to approve the January 27, 2012 Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Finklang and the motion carries.

THE MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 27, 2012 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS:

Chairman Young introduced Maria King, Public Works Project Manager, stating she would like to speak about the Mission: Clean Stream 2012 project. He asked if there were any objections to allow her to speak first.

1. MISSION: CLEAN STREAM 2012

Maria King said on Saturday, April 14th there will be a joint effort of volunteers from most of the communities in St. Charles County along with the Greenway Network and Missouri River Relief to clean up the local streams and lakes. Ms. King stated last year 10 tons of trash was pulled from creeks. There are currently 75 volunteers in this area and more volunteers could be used. Ms. King stated that any metal pulled from the streams is used to create works of art and said the art is on display in participating communities. Ms. King gave the information to register for volunteering for this cleanup.

2. UPDATE ON THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT GRANT

Chairman Young gave Vice Chairman Ellis' report.

- The third quarter report has been submitted.
- Lake Saint Louis Community Association will be utilizing Christian Environmental Services for their recycling.
- ~~The City has 300 labels for storm sewer openings. Vice Chairman Ellis will place the labels where needed. More labels may be needed.~~
- The labels to be placed on residential recycling bins have not yet been attached.
- The process has started for rewriting the residential recycling brochure with Christian Environmental Services.

3. UPDATE STORM WATER ORDINANCES

Alderman Pellerito said information needs to get out so residents will be informed on the City's handling of storm water. He stated with Committeewoman Delibovi's article on

stormwater and his placing articles on Patch, residents will be enlightened on how to handle storm water on their property.

Alderman Pellerito noted that the issue of rain barrels can be handled at a later meeting.

Steve Schertel, Director of Community Development, said he was asked to look at recycling dumpsters and rain barrels. He stated the Code is clear that recycling dumpsters are to be screened like trash dumpsters. If the intent of the recycling dumpsters is to make people aware where they are located, the Code may need to be amended.

Mr. Schertel said the Code does not address rain barrels. Since the Code is silent, the interpretation is that they are not allowed. If rain barrels are wanted within the City, the City would have to regulate their location, design, and size. Mr. Schertel said he spoke to Steve Probst with the Lake Saint Louis Community Association who was to find out the CA's position on rain barrels. Mr. Schertel noted that Mr. Probst is no longer with the CA and said we need to find out how they address rain barrels.

The Committee discussed rain barrels: how they work, their size, location of where they would be placed.

Chairman Young said he would like to obtain a grant to have the City buy a standardize type of rain barrel that would be used within the City limits. Chairman Young said he would like to table the rain barrel idea until the Committee has done further study on them. At that time, the Architectural Review Board and the Lake Saint Louis Community Association would be invited to one of our future meetings.

3. COMMUNICATION UPDATE

There being no "Communication Update", the meeting continued.

4. GREEN BUSINESS UPDATE

The Committee discussed creating a scorecard for businesses going green and decided to meet with Alderman Pellerito regarding this document.

5. OTHER OLD BUSINESS – ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

The Committee discussed that there is no interest in having more than one electronics recycling event a year. There was a brief discussion regarding having a shredding

event along with the electronics event but WITS has not gotten back to Chairman Young's call.

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6. OTHER NEW BUSINESS – REGIONAL SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Chairman Young said that Committeewoman Finklang, Steve Schertel and he attended the St. Louis Regional Sustainable Communities meeting. Chairman Young briefly discussed the meeting where it seemed the goal was to get the opinion of citizens regarding their needs of transportation, parks, community services, type of housing, etc.

Chairman Young said that Alderman Pellerito has been placing articles on Patch, noting that the site is updated daily.

7. 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.
- 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 27, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in the Lake Saint Louis Civic Center Board Conference Room.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL 27, 2012:

1. Approval of March minutes and April agenda.
2. Update on the Solid Waste Management District grant.
3. Update storm water ordinances
4. Communication update
5. Green business update
6. Other old business – Electronics Recycling
7. Other new business.
8. Discussion of "To Do" list, long-term action plan, and any new initiatives for the committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Approved

Brenda Cueller
Serving as recording secretary