

**CITY OF LAKE SAINT LOUIS
GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 27, 2016**

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chairwoman Dianne Baniak, Vice Chairwoman Ann Finklang, Paula Wepprich, Ed Young, and Alderman John Pellerito. Absent: Committeeman Scott Ellis and Steve Schertel, Director of Community Development. Also present: Brenda Cueller, acting as recording secretary.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Baniak called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Alderman Pellerito said Keith Stone with Cuivre River Electric will not be speaking at this meeting but at the May meeting. The agenda was amended to remove his name.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA:

Committeeman Young made a motion to approve the amended April 27, 2016, Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Finklang and the motion passed.

THE AMENDED APRIL 27, 2016 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

MINUTES: February 24, 2016

Committeeman Young said there was a correction on the first page under "Call To Order" – "Chairwoman ~~Ellie~~ Baniak called..."

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Committeeman Young made a motion to approve the amended February 24, 2016 Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Wepprich and the motion passed.

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THE AMENDED MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 24, 2016 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING ARE HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS:

1. ***FURTHER DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FROM FEBRUARY MEETING***

Chairwoman Finklang stated she read two (2) articles the Committee placed in Newstime.

It was noted that Committeeman Ellis submitted a brief message regarding recycling to Pat McLaughlin to insert in the message area of the bill.

2. ***DISCUSSION OF MARCH AND APRIL CA LAKES AND PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING***

The Committee had a brief discussion regarding the representative from the CA's Lakes and Parks Committee not attending any GEAC meetings and a lack of interest from the CA regarding the Committee's involvement. The Committee will ask Committeeman Ellis to get in touch with the CA.

Committeeman Young said he and Committeeman Ellis were going to start testing the waters this week and will add algae count to the testing. It was noted that Friday, April 29th will be the first testing. The Committee questioned if the CA is asking for any of the results from previous water testings' and it was noted there has been no response.

3. **BOARD OF ALDERMEN/CITY STAFF ITEMS**

Alderman Pellerito stated the following:

- The Meadows will utilize their ice skating rink during the summer by providing an extreme sports center.
- City sales tax is 8.5% higher than same time last year. This does not include sales tax from the McDonalds/Phillips 66 site.
- McBride's development Wyndstone is working on plans for the 285 lot subdivision.
- An update was given on St. Joseph Hospital's construction.
- Construction has started on Prospect Place Apartments on Prospect Road.
- The Waterways has been approved for two (2) more buildings totaling 16 units.
- Senior living facility on Technology Drive.
- New office/warehouse in Weis Industrial Park.
- Marco's Pizza to open in Family Video facility.

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- New playground to be installed at Founders Park.
- There have been requests to construct communication towers by MONUT within the City boundaries. There is a 90-day moratorium granted on what State has written.
- Charter phone franchise tax – Charter owes the City \$440,000 but lobbyist are working on not allowing municipalities to file class action lawsuits but file individually.

4. COMMUNICATION UPDATE

The Committee discussed article topics. It was agreed that Alderman Pellerito will write two articles for the Newstime in May - "How to Build a Rain Garden" and "Missourians for Monarchs."

Alderman Pellerito said he would do an article for the April edition of Newstime.

5. OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Committeeman Young stated the Electronic Recycling Event at The Meadows is Saturday, October 1st.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Pellerito stated he is proposing a new project in support of Missourians for Monarchs, which will focus on expansion of monarch and pollinator habitat across Missouri by integrating planning and goal setting. He discussed what actions would need to be taken in order to undertake this project. Alderman Pellerito noted that 50 communities nationwide have started this project and we would be the first in St. Charles County. The Committee discussed gathering help and site locations for this project. The Committee agreed to ask the Garden Club to partner on this project. Alderman Pellerito said he would like to present to the Board of Aldermen at the May 2nd meeting to have the Mayor sign a pledge and have his names placed as the contact person.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 25th at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Approved

Brenda Cueller
Serving as recording secretary of the meeting