

**CITY OF LAKE SAINT LOUIS
GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 31, 2013**

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, and Dianne Kallunki-Baniak. Absent: Committeewoman Ann ~~Finklang~~ **Finklang**. 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:

Committeewoman Kallunki-Baniak made a motion to approve the May 31, 2013, Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Ellis and the motion carries.

THE MAY 31, 2013 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

MINUTES: March 22, 2013

Vice Chairman Ellis noted that on Page 3, Item 6. last paragraph, last line should read as follows:

“...placing the **recycle event** flier in...”

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Committeewoman Kallunki-Baniak made a motion to approve the March 22, 2013 Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Ellis and the motion carries.

THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 22, 2013 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING IS HEREBY APPROVED AS AMENDED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

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GENERAL DISCUSSIONS:

1. INTRODUCTION – ALDERMAN MEMBER

Chairman Young stated that an Alderman has not been selected for the Committee at this time.

2. UPDATE SAINT CHARLES HABITAT FOR HUMANITY COLLECTION APRIL 20TH

Chairman Young said the collection at the event went well. He noted that they collected a lot more in variety than what was advertised and if this would be done again, the advertising should be broader on what things will be accepted to increase the type of items received. Chairman Young noted that this collection is different from the electronic recycling because items collected were brought to the event. This Habitat for Humanity event had some major promises of things coming. Chairman Young noted that an individual whose company installs garage doors has promised to provide Habitat for Humanity one installed garage door for their home each year. He said as a result of this collection, he received a call from a man who works for a local manufacturing business that makes polyurethane coatings for gym floors and commercial buildings. He has pledged to donate their left over sealer to Habitat for Humanity, which is several thousand gallons through the year and would be a nationwide donation to Habitat for Humanity. It was mentioned that they also recycle unused paint by mixing all the paint together in paint drums and filling gallon containers for resale. Chairman Young said we should make the offer to host another collection event for them.

Chairman Young said he wanted to thank Lowe's for all that they did and providing the forklift.

3. UPDATE ON THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT GRANT

Vice Chairman Ellis stated he had stickers that needed to be placed on the residential recycle containers and would like to get this project completed.

Chairman Young noted that Christian had hired extra people to place the stickers on the recycle bins; unfortunately, not everyone places their containers out each week so the stickers were not placed on all the containers.

Vice Chairman Ellis said he promised to write a recycling article once the grant was done and will provide one for the newspaper. He also mentioned that the Solid Waste Management District person has not pursued removing the containers

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believing it has something to do with their funding being threatened by Jefferson City.

4. COMMUNICATION UPDATE

Chairman Young said he unofficially appointed Committeewoman Kallunki-Baniak to handle press releases.

Committeewoman Kallunki-Baniak stated it was easy to work with Newstime. She noted that she needs to have more community venues to distribute information and questioned the City's email list.

Vice Chairman Ellis said to make sure that the St. Charles Habitat for Humanity Recycle event has been removed from the City's website.

5. ELECTRONICS RECYCLING (9/28/2013)

Chairman Young stated the information for this event is complete. He noted that Angie was suppose to send the name of her new contact person but has not heard from her yet. He will try and get in touch with her this next month to go over the information for the event.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Vice Chairman Ellis said there was a discussion of money spent on the Newstime article and also spending money on indoor recycle bins and "Recycle Only" stickers. It was mentioned that indoor recycle bins were purchased for City Hall and the Police Department by ERME.

There was a brief discussion regarding what to purchase with the remaining funds in the GEAC account.

Steve Schertel, Director of Community Development, stated that the fiscal year is winding down and any items wanting to be purchased should be done soon.

7. NEW BUSINESS – NEW MEMBER

Chairman Young said Committeewoman Kallunki-Baniak will write an article for Newstime stating that the Committee is looking for new members.

Chairman Young wanted to know if the City had anything that the Committee could get involved in.

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8. ***DISCUSSION OF “TO DO” LIST, LONG-TERM ACTION PLAN, AND ANY NEW INITIATIVES FOR THE COMMITTEE***

Vice Chairman Ellis said he had three items to add to the “To Do” list.

- More involved in promoting biking and hiking, that is understanding biking and hiking trails.
- Who is measuring the water quality in the lakes? Give assistance.
- We need request for help with City staff and Board of Aldermen.

Chairman Young said he would like each person to think about a favorite thing that the Committee can investigate and look into.

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.

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NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is Friday, June 28, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. in the Lake Saint Louis Civic Center Board Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 a.m.

Approved

Brenda Cueller
Serving as recording secretary of the meeting