

**CITY OF LAKE SAINT LOUIS
GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 29, 2011**

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, Ann Finklang, and Alderman John Pellegrino. Absent: Committeewoman Dana Delibovi and Committeeman Keith Stone. 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 Finklang made a motion to approve the July 29, 2011 Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Ellis and the motion carries.

THE AGENDA FROM THE JULY 29, 2011 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

MINUTES: May 27, 2011

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES:

Committeewoman Finklang made a motion to approve the May 27, 2011 Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Ellis and the motion carries.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 27, 2011 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS:

1. UPDATE ON THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT GRANT

Vice Chairman Ellis said there was a meeting with Linda Adams of the Solid Waste Management District at City Hall regarding the grant and the Items as set forth in the grant are ready to be purchased. Vice Chairman Ellis said the Cycle Blue bins are out for bids. Bid specifications for dumpsters and stickers for the residential recycle bins are still needed.

Committeewoman Finklang asked if the City changes trash haulers would the City have to go through this process again. Vice Chairman Ellis explained that the outside recycle bins belong to the City and the dumpsters will initially belong to the City. He explained the dumpsters will be given to Christian Disposal to use and then after a period of time (3 or 4 years), the City can do what they want with them.

2. UPDATE ON THE BIO-RETENTION SYSTEM AND RAIN GARDEN PROJECT

Chairman Young said he received an email from Derek Koestel, Director of Public Works, regarding the sign board project for the rain garden. He noted they were getting ready to order plants. Chairman Young stated the rain garden is going quite well.

Alderman Pellerito stated that the original location for the rain garden at Boulevard Park has been relocated closer to the road due to buried electrical wires.

3. UPDATE OCTOBER 15, 2011 ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Chairman Young said the paperwork in place for the event and noted further solicitation for donations is needed.

The Committee had a discussion regarding volunteers for the event.

4. COMMUNICATION UPDATE

Chairman Young said Dana Delibovi got the flyer out.

The Committee had a discussion regarding an article being written regarding the rain garden and pictures showing the progression of the garden being built.

Committeewoman Finklang asked how many pamphlets were given out at the Lake Saint Louis Community Association's "Summer Kick-off" event. Vice Chairman Ellis said he does not have a number of how many pamphlets were distributed because there were no booths at the site. He did leave pamphlets in different locations at the event.

5. GREEN BUSINESS UPDATE

There being no updates, the meeting continued.

6. OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Pellerito said at the next meeting, the Committee can look at the storm water standards to make some recommendations at the October meeting.

The Committee had a brief discussion regarding storm water standards.

7. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

There being no updates, the meeting continued.

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

The Committee discussed solar panels and their costs.

Committeewoman Finklang asked if there is a program for people to adopt streets to pick up debris. Chairman Young said there is a committee for adopt-a-street and noted as soon as the recycle containers are out, the trash being picked up will be placed in them.

The Committee discussed the City's website and the information placed in the Green Environmental Committee's location on the website.

The Committee discussed the "To Do List" regarding what items were completed, ongoing or new items to be placed on the list.

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.

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- 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, August 26, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. in the Lake Saint Louis Civic Center Board Conference Room.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR AUGUST 26 2011:

1. Approval of July minutes and August agenda.
2. Update on the Solid Waste Management District grant.
3. Update on the bio-retention system and rain garden project.
4. Update October 15th 2011 Electronics recycling event
5. Communication update
6. Green business update
7. Other old business

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8. Other new business.
9. Discussion of "To Do" list, long-term action plan, and any new initiatives for the committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:40 a.m.

Approved

Brenda Cueller
Serving as recording secretary of the meeting