

**CITY OF LAKE SAINT LOUIS
GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 31, 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, Vice Chairman Scott Ellis, Ann Finklang, Keith Stone, and Alderman George Rich, 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 August 31st Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Ellis and the motion carries.

THE AGENDA FROM THE AUGUST 31, 2012 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

MINUTES: July 27, 2012

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Committeeman Stone made a motion to approve the July 27, 2012 Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Ellis and the motion carries.

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

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS:

1. ***UPDATE ON THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT GRANT***

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Chairman Young said he has had no response from Christian Environmental Services. He noted that Christian Environmental Services is finishing up on the brochure and will forward a final version.

Vice Chairman Ellis stated the residential information stickers are starting to be placed on the recycle bins.

2. UPDATE STORM WATER ORDINANCES

Chairman Young said he and Vice Chairman Ellis will work on a date to place labels on storm water drain covers about “not dumping wastes”.

3. COMMUNICATION UPDATE

Vice Chairman Ellis said he will write an article for the paper as soon as the residential information brochure has progressed closer to completion.

Vice Chairman Ellis said he would like to distribute the ~~residential recycling~~ “Caring for Our City” brochure at the Oktoberfest.

4. GREEN BUSINESS UPDATE

Committeewoman Finklang said she has checked out websites and stated that the survey’s development and implementation for businesses has to be convenient in order to encourage utilization by businesses. She noted concern on which way to go and said she was open for suggestions.

Chairman Young said the survey for businesses is still on the agenda. He stated businesses using green practices should be recognized.

5. OTHER OLD BUSINESS – ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

Chairman Young said the electronic recycling event will be on Saturday, September 29th from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. He said he has talked with Bridget at The Meadows regarding this event and noted that a meeting is set up for next Friday, September 7th at noon regarding a different location due to the Farmers Market. Chairman Young said last year WITS provided three (3) trailers – two were full and some items were placed in their own vehicles to not open up another trailer that would be half full.

The Committee discussed the type and size of items brought to the last electronic recycling event.

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Chairman Young said he would have a definitive answer from WITS this week regarding the paper shredding.

The Committee discussed where to advertise the recycling event – Patch, Newstime, Mid-Rivers magazine, Community News, City website, and City email list.

Chairman Young said the next two meetings (September and October) will be canceled. The next meeting will be November 30th.

6. OTHER NEW BUSINESS – NEW MEMBER

Chairman Young said he has not heard anything regarding a new member.

7. To Do List

The Committee had a discussion regarding the “To Do List” and the items listed. The decision was made to have three categories for ranking -- Immediate, Top Priority, and When We Get Around To It – and list the top three items in each category. The top three (3) items from the “To Do List” in the “Immediate” category were:

1. Consider storm water management plan and other water quality issues.
2. Learn about City ordinances and building codes that promote energy efficiency and “green” living.
3. Promote more participation in recycling in City.

The Committee had a discussion regarding the results from each category.

Vice Chairman Ellis said the meetings would be more effective if they had some direction from a Board of Aldermen meeting or if Steve could give some direction about some discussion of a problem.

The Committee discussed grants and projects.

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.

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- 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, November 30, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in the Lake Saint Louis Civic Center Board Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Approved

Brenda Cueller
Serving as recording secretary of the meeting