

**CITY OF LAKE SAINT LOUIS
GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 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, ~~Dianne Kallunki-Baniak~~ **Ann Finklang**, and Alderman John Pellerito. Absent: Committeewoman ~~Ann Finklang~~ **Dianne Kallunki-Baniak**. Also present: Mike Pavlakes Chief Building Official, Eric Sterman, Assistant City Administrator, and Brenda Cueller, acting as recording secretary. Paula Wepprich, resident, attended as a guest.

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 November 20, 2013, Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Ellis and the motion carried.

THE NOVEMBER 20, 2013 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

MINUTES: October 30, 2013

Vice Chairman Ellis stated that Mike Pavlakes was missing in the "In Attendance" section of the minutes.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Committeewoman Finklang made a motion to approve the revised October 30, 2013 Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Ellis and the motion carries.

THE REVISED MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 30, 2013 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

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GENERAL DISCUSSIONS:

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

Eric Sterman, Assistant City Administrator, stated the City purchased 10 blue recycle dumpsters with grant money. Christian Environmental Services was to place the dumpsters with local businesses and give a reduce rate for their services on those dumpsters. Christian has placed eight (8) of the dumpsters still needing to place two (2) noting that Solid Waste Management District Grant has indicated that they will take back the dumpsters if they have not all been placed. Mr. Sterman said the City gave a one (1) year waiver requiring the dumpsters to be screened in order for businesses to ascertain if this service was advantageous for them along with Christian charging only two businesses at a reduced rate for this service. Mr. Sterman stated that this waiver will end at the end of 2013 and Christian may start charging. The question is what would the GEAC suggest to do with screening on the dumpsters?

Alderman Pellerito stated that these dumpsters need to be visual in order to make the community aware of businesses that recycle.

The Committee discussed the different types of screening (masonry, vinyl fence, or plant material) that could be placed and their costs along with the pros/cons of each type of screening.

Mr. Sterman noted that the Code is in place to protect the City and residents from exposure to the dumpsters where they may get unsightly due to lids being left open and material flying out of the dumpsters. It was noted that if the cost was too high to screen these dumpsters, businesses may not want to continue their use. Also, if Christian no longer charged the reduced rate, the cost for the service along with the cost to screen these dumpsters may negate the use of them to the businesses. There was discussion of information being sent out to the current businesses with these dumpsters to inform them of their benefits to recycle.

Chairman Young asked if there have been any complaints. Mike Pavlakes, Chief Building Official, said he was unaware of any complaints but that does not mean someone else has not received a complaint.

Alderman Pellerito said the Committee needs to make a recommendation to forward to the Board of Aldermen regarding extending the waiver for screening dumpsters for one more year and then after that year, a firm decision needs to be made regarding the screening.

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Chairman Young made a motion to request the Board of Aldermen allow the exemption for screening dumpsters to extend for one (1) more year. Vice Chairman Ellis seconded the motion and the motion carries.

MOTION TO REQUEST BOARD OF ALDERMEN ALLOW THE EXEMPTION FOR SCREENING DUMPSTERS TO EXTEND FOR ONE MORE YEAR IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTICED ABOVE.

The Committee discussed the existing recycling dumpsters, the materials being disposed, and cost.

2. SOLAR PANELS

Chairman Young stated that our speaker from last month was not correct regarding other cities with ordinances on solar panels. There are two in existence – Frontenac and Clarkson Valley. He noted that Clarkson Valley had an incident and was sued and lost the suit which thereby enacted an ordinance on solar panels.

Mike Pavlakes, Chief Building Official, read an email he sent to Steve Unser at Creve Coeur City Hall regarding an ordinance on solar panels and Mr. Unser's response. (Email attached)

Chairman Young said CREC does not buy back but gives credit, whereas Ameren has to buy back. He noted through his research he found an ordinance on solar panels in generic form for small cities.

The Committee discussed code information on solar panels.

MOTION:

Chairman Young made a motion for the Green Environmental Advisory Committee to ask the Board of Aldermen to investigate an ordinance addressing solar panels. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Finklang and the motion carries.

MOTION TO REQUEST BOARD OF ALDERMEN TO INVESTIGATE AN ORDINANCE ADDRESSING SOLAR PANELS IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTICED ABOVE.

Vice Chairman Ellis stated the City should place solar panels on a structure, such as on a shelter in the park, where it can be viewed as an example.

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3. 2013 BUDGET ITEMS

Vice Chairman Ellis stated after Derek Koestel's presentation on curb inlet screening, the Committee did not make a motion to ask that the installation of these barriers continue on more streets.

The Committee had a discussion regarding the curb inlet barriers and made a decision to continue the discussion and make a decision at the next meeting.

4. COMMUNICATION UPDATE

Vice Chairman Ellis stated that Dana Delibovi is willing to write monthly articles to place in Newstime for the Committee.

5. ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Chairman Young stated that he and Vice Chairman Ellis will visit a recycling facility in Chesterfield, Missouri.

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS – NEW MEMBER

Chairman Young stated our guest will hopefully become a new member.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 18th at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Approved

Brenda Cueller
Serving as recording secretary of the meeting