

**CITY OF LAKE SAINT LOUIS
GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 30, 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 November 30th Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Ellis and the motion carries.

THE AGENDA FROM THE NOVEMBER 30, 2012 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

MINUTES: August 31, 2012

Vice Chairman Ellis stated on Page 2 under item 3. Communication Update, in the second paragraph it should read as follows:

...to distribute the ~~residential recycling~~ **"Caring for Our City"** brochure...

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Committeewoman Finklang made a motion to approve the August 31, 2012 Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Ellis and the motion carries.

THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 31, 2012 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*

Vice Chairman Ellis gave a brief report on the visit to Winfield noting that the City renewed their contract with Christian Environmental Services for hauling for another 3 years. He noted that Linda Adams from Solid Waste Management District, which is the granting agency, came and wanted to do something with a couple of the dumpsters and discovered that only three (3) of the ten (10) dumpsters that we bought with the grant funds were in use - the other seven (7) were in a storage yard. Ms. Adams did not like that the other dumpsters were not in use. Vice Chairman Ellis noted that Ms. Adams' displeasure seemed to have motivated Christian to work a little harder to get those out for commercial recycling business.

Vice Chairman Ellis also noted that it appeared Christian become reengaged in working on the brochures. A deadline was given to get it all done and a bill to the City by December 13th. Vice Chairman Ellis passed out copies of the brochure noting this was the second version coming from the printer. He also noted that the bid process has been done and the brochure might be completed next week. There were 4,500 copies of the residential brochure which cost around \$2,500. There were 1,000 copies of the commercial brochure which will cost around \$180. Vice Chairman Ellis stated this is all financed through the grant and said there is one more report to write at the end of December.

Chairman Young said related to the grant issue, it is his understanding that six (6) of the big 8 yard dumpsters are out. Vice Chairman Ellis said a salesperson told him that six (6) are out and Solid Waste Management is planning on offering most of them for free. Vice Chairman Ellis said Solid Waste Management was going to then come back in 6 months and see how they were doing. If they are not being utilized, Solid Waste Management might take them back and give them to another community.

Chairman Young said he volunteered to write a letter on commercial recycling to all the Lake Saint Louis businesses to encourage them to use these 8 yard dumpsters. He stated the letter is in the drafting process and will want approval from the board before it is sent. A copy of the letter was passed out to the committee members.

Steve Schertel, Director of Community Development, stated that the City Code has provisions regarding enclosing dumpsters. He noted that the City would have to weigh promoting recycling in lieu of screening or wait on screening until the Code

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could be changed.

The Committee had a discussion regarding commercial recycling dumpsters.

2. *UPDATE STORM WATER ORDINANCES*

Chairman Young said nothing has been done in this area, noting that he does not see an opportunity for a grant in this area.

Vice Chairman Ellis said the Committee could address storm water in 2013.

3. *COMMUNICATION UPDATE*

Chairman Young said Vice Chairman Ellis placed an article in Newstime regarding recycling.

There was discussion of placing the "Caring for Our City" brochure on the City's website along with other articles that have been published.

4. *ELECTRONICS RECYCLING*

Chairman Young stated the new location at the back lot in The Meadows worked smoother. He said the tonnage was up from last year over 30 tons compared to 15 tons, with an increase in appliances and yard items. Chairman Young noted that the first couple of years WITS asked for a fee and now they are no longer asking for a fee.

Chairman Young said he will try and get a date for next year's recycling event. He will contact Bridget with some possible dates.

5. *OLD BUSINESS*

Chairman Young stated another priority needs to be added to the "To Do" list. He also said the Committee should visit the City's future park over by Quail Ridge and discuss some of the possibilities for that park.

Vice Chairman Ellis said the following items should be added to the "To Do" list:

4. Energy Audit
5. Green Spaces
6. Trees
7. Bike Paths

The Committee had a discussion of the "To Do" list.

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6. *NEW BUSINESS – NEW MEMBER*

There was no discussion under “New Business.”

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

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.

NEXT MEETING:

The December meeting has been canceled. The next meeting is Friday, January 25, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. in the Lake Saint Louis Civic Center Board Conference Room.

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ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:55 a.m.

Approved

Brenda Cueller
Serving as recording secretary of the meeting