

**CITY OF LAKE SAINT LOUIS
GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 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, Ann Finklang, and Alderman John Pellerito. Absent: Committeewoman Dianne Kallunki-Baniak. Also present: Steve Schertel, Director of Community Development, Mike Pavlakes Chief Building Official, and Brenda Cueller, acting as recording secretary. Paula Wepprich, resident, was present.

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 December 18, 2013, Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Ellis and the motion carried.

THE DECEMBER 18, 2013 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

MINUTES: November 20, 2013

Committeewoman Finklang stated that the minutes incorrectly show her not present and Committeewoman Kallunki-Baniak as present. She was present and Kallunki-Baniak was not.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Committeewoman Finklang made a motion to approve the amended November 20, 2013 Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Ellis and the motion carries.

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

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GENERAL DISCUSSIONS:

1. ***DISCUSSION NOVEMBER MEETING***

Vice Chairman Ellis wanted to make sure that the Committee had further discussion regarding the sewer inlet covers and a recommendation is made to the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Pellerito stated that at the second meeting in January he would like a recommendation be made to the Board of Aldermen regarding the sewer inlet covers. He said Derek Koestel, Director of Public Works, gave his presentation of the sewer inlet covers and was in favor of the single bar sewer inlet cover stating his reasoning for that inlet cover.

The Committee discussed Derek Koestel's presentation and single bar sewer inlet cover regarding equipment cost, labor cost, and maintenance.

MOTION:

Chairman Young made a motion to recommend the system that Derek Koestel suggested, single rebar locking for trash going into storm sewers and the locations that Derek Koestel recommended and the cleaning and maintenance procedures Derek Koestel's recommended. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Finklang and the motion carries.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE SINGLE REBAR SEWER INLET COVER, LOCATIONS RECOMMENDED BY DEREK KOESTEL FOR ADDITIONAL INLET COVERS TO BE PLACED, AND MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING PROCEDURES RECOMMENDED BY DEREK KOESTEL IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

Alderman Pellerito stated that the screening variance **on the recycle bins** for one year has been approved by the Board of Aldermen. He said the Committee needs to think of what to do next year regarding the screening.

Chairman Young distributed a copy of a letter that will be sent to the businesses in the City promoting the use of recycling dumpsters. He asked the Committee for any recommendations by the next meeting.

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2. SOLAR PANELS

Mike Pavlakes, Chief Building Official, distributed copies of a draft ordinance on Solar Energy Systems. Mr. Pavlakes stated he based this ordinance on the City of Clayton's enacted solar ordinance. He noted that the most notable change placed in the draft ordinance is that it adheres to the 2012 Fire Code and that the Development Review Board (DRB) and Architectural Review Board (ARB) will review single installation. Mr. Pavlakes asked the Committee if they wanted to incorporate commercial installation as well as residential installation or wiser do incrementally. He asked the Committee to please look over the draft and was soliciting any suggested changes.

The Committee had a discussion on fire safety.

Chairman Young said he has not done any research on commercial **solar panels** only on residential. Chairman Young discussed what the IREC states on installation costs, noting that the cost for panels and equipment has gone down whereas the cost for permits is going up. He further discussed the last year for solar rebates (2015) and building standards on households to incorporate solar energy. Chairman Young said before a recommendation is made on an ordinance he felt someone who is involved with permitting and maybe an installer who has gone through the process should speak to the Committee.

The Committee further discussed the information and language in the draft Solar Energy Systems ordinance.

3. 2013 BUDGET ITEMS

Chairman Young said once an agreement has been made on the letter to all City businesses for variance of screening recycling dumpsters, the Committee should pay for the mailing of those letters.

MOTION:

Chairman Young made a motion for the mailing cost of the letters on the variance of screening recycling dumpsters be paid out of the Green Environmental Advisory Committee's budget. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Finklang and the motion carries.

MOTION TO PAY THE MAILING COST ON THE VARIENCE OF SCREENING RECYCLING DUMPSTER LETTER IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTICED ABOVE.

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4. LETTER TO LAKE SAINT LOUIS BUSINESSES

Chairman Young said to delete the mention of Christian Environmental from the letter because most businesses have different haulers. He stated the goal is to increase business participation.

5. COMMUNICATION UPDATE

Alderman Pellerito said that Committeewoman Kallunki-Baniak is willing to write articles for publication. He said the Committee should decide on the frequency of communication to be placed in Newstime and forward ideas to her for an appropriate springtime article.

Chairman Young said the goal is to keep environmental issues in the headline.

6. ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Chairman Young said he and Vice Chairman Ellis took a trip to Chesterfield to drop off a load of electronics to WITS. He said while the Committee may seek to change who we use for the recycling event, the Committee has a strong preference of dealing with non-profit companies rather than for profit. He said the Committee should limit inquiries for-profit companies.

Vice Chairman Ellis stated that WITS does job training skills. He noted that WITS advertises that nothing they collect lands in landfills.

7. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business and the meeting continued.

8. *NEW BUSINESS – NEW MEMBER*

Chairman Young stated Paula Wepprich has decided to become a member.

Committeewoman Finklang asked if the Committee would have another recycling event for Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County.

The Committee discussed contacting Habitat for Humanity to see if they were interested in having another recycling event this year in the City and maybe have a building material drop-off in conjunction with their recycling event as was done last year.

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NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 29th at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Approved

Brenda Cueller
Serving as recording secretary of the meeting