

**CITY OF LAKE SAINT LOUIS  
GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Lake Saint Louis Civic Center Board Conference Room.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Committee members: Chairman Ed Young, Vice Chairman Scott Ellis, Linda Daniel, and Alderman John Pellerito. Absent: Dianne Baniak and Ann Finklang. Also present: Louis Clayton, Director of Community Development; George Ertle, Assistant City Administrator; 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:**

Vice Chairman Ellis made a motion to approve the September 26, 2018, Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Daniel and the motion passed.

THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2018 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA IS HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

**MINUTES: August 29, 2018**

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:**

Vice Chairman Ellis made a motion to approve the August 29, 2018 Green Environmental Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Daniel and the motion passed.

THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 29, 2018 GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING ARE HEREBY APPROVED, AS NOTED ABOVE.

Chairman Young stated we had a guest speaker, George Ertle, Assistant City Administrator.

George Ertle, Assistant City Administrator, stated he was giving a follow-up to the residential single stream recycling restrictions with Meridian Waste. He stated the City met with St. Peters hoping to work with their recycling center who will take

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over the recycling for the City. He noted they were receptive. A Statement of Understanding is being drafted for the recycling. There will be a “testing phase” to verify the percentage of recyclables have a minimal amount of contamination. When the City previously dropped off recyclables at their facility, it went well with the City’s at 30% or lower. After the probationary period, St. Peters would be receptive to a longer agreement. Mr. Ertle discussed if the quality of the recyclables were good, St. Peters could make money and the City may also be able to make some money off of it; however, if the quality is bad, the City may have to pay. He noted that Meridian Waste will pay to have new stickers printed to be placed on the recycle container lids that will have pictures of what can and cannot be placed in the containers. Meridian Waste has email addresses of their customers and will send out notification of the new standards regarding acceptable recyclables.

The Committee discussed educating residents on how recyclables become contaminated.

Mr. Ertle discussed the market for recyclables noting that St. Peters is the only facility that accepts glass. He believes that there is a company in St. Peters that purchases their glass recyclables. Meridian Waste will add four new employees with one dedicated to recycling and will extend their hours to 8:00 p.m. Mr. Ertle asked Meridian Waste if their drivers could make a determination if there are any contaminated recyclables so they can flag it and follow up with the customer and educate. Mr. Ertle said there were discussions of incentives if a customer did not want to recycle, Meridian Waste would pick up their container and reduce their monthly rate by a nominal amount.

The Committee discussed the incentive Meridian Waste would give residents not wanting to recycle.

Mr. Ertle stated the City’s pick up dates would not change because St. Peters would hire more people. The Memorandum of Understanding from St. Peters with length of “testing phase” will go before the Board of Aldermen meeting next week (October 1<sup>st</sup>) and hopefully, a determination where recyclables will go and what the new rate will be. October 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for Meridian accepting recyclables.

There was a discussion regarding recycling paper and cardboards and how it can be done.

Mr. Ertle said this is a very fluid situation and would keep the Committee updated. He said he is looking for the Committee’s help in getting the word out.

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**GENERAL DISCUSSIONS:**

1. ***FURTHER DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FROM AUGUST MEETING***

There was no discussion and the meeting continued.

2. ***DISCUSSION OF SEPTEMBER CA LAKES AND PARKS COMMITTEE MEETINGS***

Committeewoman Daniel stated as far as she knew, there was no meeting this month.

3. **BOARD OF ALDERMEN/CITY STAFF ITEMS**

Alderman Pellerito stated there was not a whole lot new from last month. He stated Mr. Ertle needs the Committee's help to get the clean stream recycling message out and educate people. Alderman Pellerito said it is not a good idea to have Meridian Waste drivers make the determination of what can be picked up or not. He noted educating people could be on the website and Newstime. There should be no change in pick-up because the survey that was done showed people like a one-day pickup.

The Committee further discussed how to educate and notify residents regarding this situation.

Louis Clayton, Director of Community Development, stated the following:

- Grading permit has been issued for the apartment complex at The Meadows.
- Board of Aldermen approved an extension for the Lake Pointe site noting this is their 4<sup>th</sup> extension with five years into the approval of the project.
- The project to rewrite the zoning code and maps to come into compliance with the City's Comprehensive Plan is moving forward with three prospective firms to review, score, and interview within the next few weeks.

4. **COMMUNICATION UPDATE**

Chairman Young said a clean stream recycling article needed to be done showing the percentage of contamination and how contamination can happen and ruin recycling. He believes the vast majority wants recycling and ideas should be given how to keep it clean. Ideas should be given to Committeewoman Daniel.

5. **OTHER OLD BUSINESS**

Chairman Young stated both he and Scott have been members since the inception of the Committee and not renewing their membership has nothing to do with the Committee but wanting more time to do personal activities. He said they may be willing to volunteer if needed.

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Committeewoman Daniel stated she was not sure what this Committee is about. She noted that buildings contribute more to global warming.

Alderman Pellerito explained the Committee's concept is regarding environmental issues. He noted they started with a list which evolved over time. He said any new environmental issues can be addressed in this Committee.

The Committee discussed what environmental items they have done in the City.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Young stated information needs to get out to the residents regarding recycling but questioned at what cost. He said the Committee should look at options for cardboard and paper which should be mentioned in the email.

Alderman Pellerito asked Committeewoman Daniel to bring building issues so he could address this with the Board of Aldermen.

Committeewoman Daniel discussed lighting issues in the City's buildings and the cost to replace with LED versus not replacing.

Alderman Pellerito asked her to bring excerpts from the LEED certification meeting held at MasterCard on September 19<sup>th</sup> to the Committee.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

*Approved*

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Brenda Cueller  
Serving as recording secretary of the meeting