



Meeting Minutes

Green Environmental and Solid Waste Advisory Committee

September 2, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at St. Peters City Hall Community Conference.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Joshua Davis, Vince Kuhn, Susan Niederberger, Tom Ochsner, Alderman Tommy Roberts, Britt Treece, Ron Darling, HES Manager, David Kuppler, HES Director, Alderman Thomas, Debra Knoble, HES Office Specialist, Absent – Hank Hermosillo, Angela Maniaci

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Noted in Upfront Energy Tips submitted should be from Thermal Visions.

UPDATES – GENERAL:

- Recycling Bins in Parks – Jim Colombatto. The City is receiving a \$6,000 grant for recycling containers in the city parks. Containers must be aesthetically pleasing, have locking lids, be fireproof, and be unmovable either by weight or locking. Reviewed prototype submitted by one of our committee members and commercial container options. Discussion of how to involve local companies or schools groups either for business or advertising support. Timetable 3 months to get finalized and approved and have containers in parks by spring.
- Recycling Francis Howell – Jim Colombatto Goal to negotiate and get a commitment from Francis Howell Schools to do paper recycling with the City of St. Peters. Plan to increase promotions and interactions with schools to raise recycling awareness.
- Renewable Energy Summit – Alderman Roberts and Ron Darling attended the Renewable Energy Summit on August 18, 2009. It was informative and presented some incentives and energy credits that the City may be able to utilize.
- Recycling Styrofoam/PS Plastic #6 – Styrofoam is NOT recycling and best avoided if possible. Postponed a more in depth discussion.
- Blue Bag Flyer – The flyer for distribution with the October Blue Bag delivery was passed around. Census 2010 was the focus - grants are often awarded based on population it is beneficial to encourage participation
- Communication, Web/UpFront – David Kuppler led a discussion of development of St. Peters Green Web Page. A tentative outline of topics for the webpage was distributed and input was given on who will contribute, citizen spotlight, links for rebates and tax credits and garden section. It is a “living” web pages and changes and suggestions are welcome.
- Billie Backboards – 1500 were purchased at a discount price, though they do not have the City logo on them so they would be available to residents who have been requesting them. Looking to apply for another grant but may budget to purchase additional due to popularity.

UPDATE – ENERGY

- DOE/EECBG Block Grant – On track and nearing final distribution of funds. Have been working on solar component and meeting requirements for the lighting to be attached to a building.
- CIP Solar Analysis – City is planning feasibility study for incorporating solar in existing buildings.

UPDATE – WIND - Guest Speaker

- Presentation by ReDriven Power Inc. - American Wind Power. Discussion of benefits of a combination of wind and solar renewable energy. Lighter carbon fiber blades make it possible to generate power even at lower wind speeds (a concern in this area) especially combined with solar applications.

UPDATE – GREEN JOBS

- Made in America Job Tour Event was at St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley on September 1, 2009 for workers and businesses interested in transitioning to a clean energy economy using renewal energy.

NEXT MEETING - October 7, 2009

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Debra Knoble.

Signed:

Chairman