

City of St. Peters Green Environmental and Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes May 6, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at St. Peters City Hall Community Conference Room and adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

UPDATES:

- Committee Vacancy – Christy Freed has formally resigned, replacement may be appointed before the next meeting.
- Siemens Energy Audit – provided a number of suggestions for energy saving changes including changing metal halide lighting to high pressure sodium, HVAC sensors, heat recovery systems and light harvesting.
- Meeting with Ameren UE – commercial business incentives were reconfirmed. The City is eligible to apply for rebate incentives, including custom rebates.
- Budget Goals – each department submitted goal. HES submitted a fuel consumption/energy conservation plan to reduce fuel costs over the next 12 months and will encourage setting citywide standards for fuel consumption goals.
- Earth Day – successful, weather helped turnout. Vince and Joshua volunteered. We were out of CFL's before noon and purchased additional to hand out to residents.
- Shred-It and Forget-It – 357 residents, 5 ½ tons of shredded paper. Would like to be able to provide this service on a regular basis in the new HES Operations Building.
- H1N1 – first case was identified in St. Charles County today. Covered steps the City is taking such as hand sanitizing stations throughout public buildings, signage to not enter if you have any flu symptoms and having employees not come to work if they have a fever or headache.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Green Jobs/Action Plan to Recruit Green Businesses

- Ron Darling has been contacted by two companies– Missouri Solar Living and Solid Energy. Looking for more contacts for green businesses to develop in St. Peters. Suggested Ron contact Kirkwood Green, a company that is developing power generation technology that can produce electricity from renewable resources (kirkwoodgreen.com).
- Suggested incentives - use of City Facilities (Rec Plex, golf course, trash service).
- Alderman Roberts is the official rep for the Green Environmental Team and for Planning & Zoning. Ordinances for going green might include more native plants, campaigns against invasive species of plants and trees, planting trees so air conditioning units can operate more efficiently and partnering with local nurseries to provide info.

Green Committee is listed on St. Peters web site - under Boards and Committees.

- Review possibility of establishing city web page for “green” idea submittal. Website used as way to pass information and resources to the community.
- Would have to coordinate with Community Relations – Alderman Roberts will follow-up on this.

Energy Grant Block - items being considered by block Team for funding:

1. Public Info Campaign – free CFL for each resident, hand delivered door to door - partner with Ameren UE to get truck load pricing on CFLs, volunteers to deliver.
2. Hybrid Trash Truck (concern: maintenance issues unknown with new technology).
3. Community Nitrogen- public tire inflation.
4. Lighting Conversion Scenario – leverage with Ameren.
5. Siemens Software Package for new building and City Hall (low maintenance, high return).
6. Lakeside 370 – smart pole (solar panel poles).
7. Green Business Incubator to EDC*.
8. Wind Consortium – model turbine to be put up*.

* Would be combined cities/counties funds.

Energy contest discussed –problematic in participation and tracking.

Miscellaneous:

- Approval was given for \$4,000 for painting stripes on 6 or 7 roads.
- The new HES Operations Building is not LEED certified but there are plans to incorporate such features as Siemens controls, white roof reflectivity, LEED certified carpet/paint for interior and bioswale to remove silt and pollution from surface runoff water.
- Parks recycling container prototype is still in works.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday June 3, 2009, 5:00 p.m. at St. Peters City Hall Community Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m

Minutes submitted by Debra Knoble.

Signed:

Chairman