



# Meeting Minutes

## Green Environmental and Solid Waste Advisory Committee

### October 7, 2009

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#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Hank Hermosillo, Vince Kuhn, Angela Maniaci, Tom Ochsner, Alderman Tommy Roberts, Britt Treece, David Kuppler, HES Director, Debra Knoble, HES Office Specialist

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

#### **UPDATES – GENERAL:**

- Recycling Bins in Parks – waiting on input from Parks. Will follow-up this week.
- HES Operations Building Initiatives – Discussed green initiatives that will be incorporated into the new building such as white roof, reflective walls, extra windows for natural light and Siemens controls. Now that the Energy Grant has been approved the community nitrogen station purchase for the new building is moving forward.
- TURN KEY TO BE IDLE FREE – decals will be distributed city wide to remind drivers to save fuel.
- EarthWays Green Homes Festival was well attended with about 70 booths and vendors. Great resource for “green” information.

#### **UPDATE – ENERGY**

- Energy Grant Regional Coordination meeting was attended by David Kuppler. Many cities shared ideas for use of funds such as biodiesel, rain barrels, hybrid cars, reducing salt use by using beet juice (would like to determine if feasible in St. Peters). St. Peters was the only City using funds to promote energy savings for individuals (light bulbs, thermostats, nitrogen station).
- St. Peters has been looking at hybrid vehicles but to date they have not been cost effective due to premium price. Will continue to investigate feasibility.
- The City Administrator has given the go ahead for a feasibility study on generating our own power in city buildings after the retrofits are completed. That is the next logical step in our Energy Efficiency Policy.
- St. Charles County EDC Energy & Green Development – Tommy, Ron and Julie Powers attended. Highlights were the LEED certified buildings showcase and meeting with Bob Clark, Clayco, who built Social Security office in St. Peters which is LEED certified.

# OCTOBER IS ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Currently the architect on Lakeside 370 project has reservations on aesthetics when incorporating ideas for generating power. Ron is trying to strike a balance between rustic look and encompassing solar “modern” look into the design, need to find a way to make both possible. Suggestion to investigate use of SIPs (Styrofoam Insulated Panels) for floating restaurant since they are lightweight and energy efficient.
- Laclede Gas will not honor \$25 rebate per thermostat for city purchases of bulk thermostat orders - individual resident must apply. Discussion of whether city could charge residents \$25 and give them the rebate forms to turn in so their cost would be zero and the city would have leveraged funds for purchase of more thermostats. Discussion of different options to get leveraged funds. Also suggestion for city to purchase low flow shower heads with leveraged funds for give away when thermostat is returned for disposal. City does have disposal option for thermostats.
- Upfront shows a nail gun to apply caulk. Note: Look into better review of tips before publishing to ensure accuracy.
- Discussed e-mail from University of Berkley about creating energy finance district models to finance programs for residents to use alternative energy. Would like to take a look into creating Energy Development Districts similar to NIDs and the e-mail detailed how that could be accomplished. The city is looking at setting up a tax to dredge ponds/lakes in subdivisions that cannot afford the upkeep, could make a similar case for energy efficiency.
- Recycling Styrofoam/PS Plastic #6 discussion postponed until November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Billie Backboards presented to Hank who will try recycling and report back to committee.
- Cottleville Solid Waste Agreement – 5 year contract negotiations are occurring.
- Waltham Field Community Farm – community supported agriculture outside of the Boston area is an example of organic farming in urban areas. Discussion of “green” initiatives in other areas of the country and solar trash containers used in large cities.
- Suggestion: The Green Environmental Committee could sponsor Energy Efficiency Workshops for residents. Tom indicated he would provide teaching materials. Maybe develop a series to encompass more green areas - weatherization, composting, gardening, etc...

## NEXT MEETING – November 4, 2009

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Debra Knoble.

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Chairman