



CITY OF ST. PETERS GREEN TEAM
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2016 5:00 PM
CITY OF ST PETERS HES OPERATIONS BUILDING
135 ECOLOGY DRIVE ST. PETERS, MO 63376

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:15

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Present: Madaline Barteau, Gabi Schwartz, Stacey Thomas, David Kuppler, HES Manager, Debra Knoble, Sustainability Specialist. Guests: Denise White Absent: Morton Todd, Leo Tevlin, Michael Shea, Alderman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Gabi made a motion to approve the December minutes, Stacey seconded and minutes were approved.

DISCUSSION:

Open House: The Recycle City Open House will be held on Saturday April 2, 2016. The format will similar to the 2014 event.

Shred It and Forget It Dates: The 2016 dates for Shred It and Forget It will be May 7th and Nov 5th.

Clean Stream: The next Clean Stream event in St. Peters will be held on Saturday April 16, 2016.

Recycling Signs: Favorite slogans were submitted and have been narrowed down to just a few. The City's Communications Department is designing easy to read signs with the City logo and chosen recycling quips that will move around the city to engage more people to participate in our curbside recycling program.

Recycling Kids Essay Contest: Alderman Bateman suggested sponsoring an essay contest to promote recycling. Possible ways to promote the contest, time frame, target audience, length and topic were discussed. Suggestions: Topic – "What Does Recycling Mean to You?" target 6th-7th-8th graders, 1 pages essay that can includes pictures and graphics, could target specific schools, advertise in the City newsletter.

Green Business Challenge: St. Peters is completed the 2015 challenge and was recognized with the Circle of Excellence Championship Level Award at the St. Louis Green Business Challenge awards ceremony at the St. Louis Zoo on January 22.

USDN/STAR Communities: The Leading STAR Communities Indicators Project, a subset of STAR objectives designed to provide an annual snapshot of select indicators representing a Communities' sustainability was presented at the USDN Annual Meeting. To date 60 cities have expressed interest in participating. St. Peters is one of the pilot cities in this project that hopes to give cities measureable data to guide and improve their sustainability efforts.

Manager's Update: Recycle City is exploring MSW (municipal solid waste) shredders to reduce volume of waste going to the landfill in order to save money and RDF (Refuse-derived fuel) Shredders that take moisture out of shredded MSW and converts waste to RDF (usually pellets, bricks or logs). RDF is capable of being combusted cleanly under strict standards of incineration and potentially eligible for carbon credits where traded.

Discussion: Discussion of current state of recycling and how to make it economically feasible. County of Boulder Colorado has Sustainability Advisors that will go to businesses upon request to discuss sustainability, including recycling, energy savings, health and environmental issues. How to motivate businesses (and individuals) to recycle when there's a cost to recycling? Should goal be to reduce GHG emissions and use of virgin materials or recycle everything? How can recycling work best taking into account economic costs, environmental benefits and human perceptions of the costs and benefits.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 12, 2016 at the HES Operations Building.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Debra Knoble, HES Sustainability Specialist

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