



CITY OF ST. PETERS GREEN TEAM
TUESDAY DECEMBER 8, 2015 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 5:00

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Present: Madaline Barteau, Gabi Schwartz, Stacey Thomas, Leo Tevlin, Michael Shea, Alderman, David Kuppler, HES Manager, Debra Knoble, Sustainability Specialist. Guests: Denise White, Nick Lintner, Shoeman Water Projects.

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

PRESENTATION:

Shoeman Water Projects: Shoeman Water Projects, a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, collects gently used shoes from individuals, groups or communities and uses the proceeds from sales to provide clean water to communities in developing countries. Discussed the benefits of having a shoe drive or drop off box to keep unwanted shoes out of the land field and the educate people about the global water crisis.

DISCUSSION:

Halloween Carnival: The Halloween Carnival held on October 24, 2015 was a success, great weather and fun for all. October 22 is the date for the 2016 Carnival.

Shred It and Forget It Dates: The 2016 dates for Shred It and Forget It will be May 7th and Nov 5th. The November 7, 2015 event was the biggest ever with over 500 vehicles coming through. Even with two trucks volume exceeded capacity.

Green Business Challenge: St. Peters is participating at the championship level this year and is on track to be in the Circle of Excellence category. Shoeman Water Project was a contact from the challenge. One of the benefits of the GBC is connecting and networking with area business, educational, governmental, and non-profit's to promote sustainable business practices.

USDN: Highlights of the **USDN Annual Meeting** in Minneapolis, which included tours of the Beez Kneez a business that provides local honey by zip code and actively works to educate the public about the issues facing honey bees and other pollinators such as pesticides and the lack of legislative protection. And Gandhi Mahal, an Indian restaurant that has a hydroponic system in the basement to grow vegetables, herbs and raise tilapia to provide fresh organic food to customers. **STAR Communities:** St. Peters was one of seven pilot cities nationwide that participated in a Leading STAR Communities Indicators Project, a subset of STAR objectives designed to provide an annual snapshot of select indicators representing a Communities'

sustainability. The pilot project was presented at the USDN Annual Meeting and a growing number of cities are showing interest in participating.

Recycle City Open House: April 2, 2016 is the date for the open house. The format will be similar to previous Recycle City Open House events.

Manager's Update: 2015 in Review: 248 vehicles had their tires filled with nitrogen, 946 vehicles dropped off recycling for Shred It Events, 1931 Christmas were recycled, 6300 lbs of lights strands were recycled and Recycle City recycled 10.4 million lbs. (though this was down 2.3 million from 2014 even though total waste taken in increased). This led to a discussion of how to increase recycling. For example, Recycle City promoted holiday light recycling at the Tree Lighting Ceremony at City Hall in November.

Recycling Signs: Displaying motivation signs that move around the city might be a fun and interesting way to encourage recycling. Green Team members were asked to look over a list of recycling slogans and pick their top ten or add their own for signage.

OTHER:

Susan Niederberger is resigning from the Green Team. She was one of the original members and her experience and expertise will be missed.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday February 9, 2016 at the HES Operations Building.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Debra Knoble, HES Sustainability Specialist

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