



CITY OF ST. PETERS GREEN TEAM  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 13, 2015 5:00 PM  
CITY OF ST PETERS HES OPERATIONS BUILDING  
135 ECOLOGY DRIVE ST. PETERS, MO 63376

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00

## **PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Madaline Barteau, Susan Niederberger, Gabi Schwartz, Stacey Thomas, Morton Todd, Leo Tevlin, Michael Shea, Alderman, David Kuppler, HES Manager, Debra Knoble, Sustainability Specialist. Guest: Bill Otto

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Susan made a motion to approve the June minutes, Morton seconded and minutes were approved.

## **DISCUSSION:**

**Halloween Carnival:** October 24, 2015 at the HES Operations Building from 4pm-6pm. \$5 per person includes food, drink, games, trunk or treat, family photos, bring your aluminum cans for a Pennies for Patriots can toss and weather permitting take a hay ride.

**Shred It and Forget it Dates:** November 7, 2015 at the HES Operations Building from 9 am-noon. Event is free for residents with a valid Resident Privilege card or \$5 per bankers box to shred without a card. Residents will be able to get a privilege card on site with a picture ID and proof of residency.

**Recycling Ambassadors:** Results from a four week trial run at Sunset Fridays, 370 Lakeside Park. 187 lbs diverted from trash. 151 recycled (cans and bottles) and 36 composted (mostly pizza boxes, food and napkins from food truck nights). Takeaway: Noticeable improvement in correct use of recycling containers by week 4 (fuller recycling containers with hardly any trash comingled) - Probable reasons for improvement: 1) Education – Awareness: Announcement at beginning of concert pointing out recycling containers, flags on recycling containers brought attention to containers so people thought to recycle, ambassadors on site to answer questions and promote recycling 2) Proper placement of containers: recycle container side by side with trash container makes it easy to dispose of trash and recyclable and easy to sort any mistakes at pickup, clear differential between recycling and trash containers Evaluation of waste stream: Food trucks were very eco friendly and produced very little waste that was not recyclable or compostable so a zero waste event with food trucks would easily have been possible. By week four with fewer containers and no blue bags set up recycled material seemed to be well over 50% (drink containers were the main items mistakenly put in the trash) and recycling was improved further with a little sorting while emptying trash/recycling containers.

**Green Business Challenge:** St. Peters is participating at the championship level this year. Opportunities to attend meetings and/or tours sponsored by the St. Louis Green Business challenge to see the latest technology in renewable energy, green business products and electronics recycling were discussed. Jean Ponzi speaking briefly at a BOA meeting might be an option to draw attention to St. Peters role in the GBC for Aldermen and Group Managers. Also

discussed how to recognize or highlight Green Business' in St. Peters, for example a local company who has gone through extensive certification process – how could that be promoted to encourage other green businesses.

**Manager's Update:**

A grant from the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District was used to develop a library of learning materials to loan out to educators and improve the tour room at Recycle City.

Recycle City Open House event will take place in on April 3, 2014. Clean Stream is scheduled for April 16, 2016.

Blue bags recycling rates have decreased by 11%. Discussion for ways to improve recycling rates including use of portable signs with recycling sayings moving around city, Recycling Ambassadors at events or for door-to-door promotions, social media, grants. The city's first Recycle Truck (signage to shift focus from trash to recycle) is on the streets.

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**STAR Communities:** St. Peters is one of seven pilot cities nationwide that is participating in STAR Communities Leading Star Communities Indicators Project, a subset of STAR objectives designed to provide an annual snapshot of select indicators representing a Communities' sustainability.

**Urban Ag:** Highlights of a meeting in Lawrence KS focusing on defining the role the City/County should play in managing Community Gardens were presented.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday December 8, 2015 at the HES Operations Building. Holiday pot luck with the option to bring favorite holiday treats to share.

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

Minutes submitted by: Debra Knoble, HES Sustainability Specialist

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