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Minutes
Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee (SEAC)
St. Joseph, MO
February 23, 2022 3:30 PM

This was a Zoom meeting set up through the City of St. Joseph.
Zoom connection was available in First Floor conference room, City Hall

Welcome and Call to order was shared by Diane Waddell, moderator, with thanks to Dr. Kim Schutte, staff liaison, for setting up the Zoom call.
January 26 **Minutes** were acknowledged.

Roll call was by check-in. Members present were LuAnn Cadden, Dr. Elizabeth Sawin, Sean DeWeese and Diane Waddell. Dr. Kim Schutte, Historic Preservation Planner, was also present.

Statement of purpose in recognition that we are a part of the Mayor's Climate Network

This committee comes from a Resolution which states: *Resolved, That the City of Saint Joseph continue to expand on innovative environmental programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions*

Goals: Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Plant and nurture trees and native plants

Decrease single-use plastics

Encourage and support businesses which model environmental sustainability

Seek to reduce pollution of our water resources

Promote sustainable stewardship of historic buildings including adaptive reuse

Encourage the City of St. Joseph and all residences, businesses and other organizations to improve energy efficiency to decrease greenhouse gas emissions.

Old Business:

Green Business Team: The Subcommittee includes LuAnn Cadden, Sara Markt, Jan Storts, and Diane Waddell, who meet monthly by zoom. LuAnn Cadden has been working on Facebook promotion of small, local green businesses on the SEAC Facebook, noting what the businesses have done to promote environmental sustainability. One which was particularly popular was Riverbluff Brewery due to its reuse of city historic markers, logo, etc. The team has completed its brochure and members are sharing it with small businesses. The team met on Feb. 21 by Zoom and will meet again on March 7 at 1 PM.

Earth Day Awards will be April 22 at 3:30 at the Convention and Visitors Bureau meeting room.

Tree Projects, Prairie Restoration and Native Plantings

- A. Prairie Restoration — Re: the MWSU prairie dedicated to Dr. John Rushin, there will be a the prairie will have a routine burn in March, which will be contracted out.
- B. Krug Park Native Plantings — no new report.
- C. Mosaic plantings: Sean reported that the prairie has been plowed under. However, there will be a new type of planting called a Healing Path around the Cancer Center on the north side of the campus. Sean will keep us apprised.
- D. Native Planting Team (Plant Native St. Joe!) The group will meet again on Feb. 28 per zoom to develop a brochure and other goals.
Goals: 1. Encourage native plantings in businesses, schools, public areas such as parks, parkway, and home landscapes
2. Educate residents of the many benefits of native plants and trees
 - a. Develop a script related to the benefits to share with groups, etc.

- b. Develop a brochure/information to share on social media
- c. Develop Markers to be used for education and identification (Pollinator Restoration, etc.)
- d. Work toward making St. Joseph a destination for visitors for Native Plantings
- e. Include native plants, shrubs, trees and pollinator plants

Ongoing City Partnership Reports

A. Historic Preservation — Dr. Kim Schutte: Reimagining Heritage Neighborhoods —Dr. Schutte reported that there will be a Preservation Celebration party centered at Killackey Park on Hall Street on April 30. This leads into May, which is Historic Preservation month.

B. Water Protection — no report

Mayors for Clean Energy (Ready for 100 Campaign): GEO Team (Green Energy Opportunity Team) -

1. A sub-task force of GEO, the Resolution Committee, will continue to represent GEO. It is important to coordinate through Bryan Carter, City Manager, who has notified Diane that he was bringing the idea of decreasing greenhouse gases to directors of city departments.

Dr. Drake will be teaching sustainable energy in the biology dept at MWSU. Included in this are energy technology and planning a sustainable future for St. Joseph.

2. A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING PRACTICES BY THE CITY OF ST. JOSEPH AND BY ALL RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATION TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE EMISSIONS.

Social Media/Education

Facebook plans 2022

January, February *Local green business*

Suggestions:

March: Dr. Sawin noted this is Women's history month and we could add what women have done in working with the environment.

April: This contains Earth Day and our awards.

May: Celebrate trees

June: Children's Literature and Earth care

New Business and Public Comment

Next meeting: March 23, 3:30 PM per Zoom

Minutes submitted by Diane Waddell