

Agenda
Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee (SEAC)
St. Joseph, MO

Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 3:30 PM

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

Kim Schutte is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting

Time: Mar 23, 2022 03:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Welcome and Call to order by Diane Waddell, moderator.

Thanks to Dr. Kim Schutte, staff liaison, for setting up the Zoom call.

Acknowledge February Minutes

Roll call by check-in

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

This committee comes from a "Network of Climate Mayors Resolution" dated 8/24/18 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.

Continuing committee and community reports

(1) Green Businesses — #Greener St. Joe — Subcommittee

Members: LuAnn Cadden, Sara Markt, Jan Storts, Diane Waddell)

Purposes: A. Promote green business practices, focusing on local small businesses, particularly downtown businesses with coordination through Main Street Downtown

B. Host Earth Day Green Business Awards, April 22, Convention and Visitors Bureau, April 22, 3:30 - 4:30, with room available between 3 and 5 PM.

(2) Greenway Proposal — (currently on hold and referred to Brady McKinley Public Works)

(3) Tree Projects, Prairie Restoration and Native Plantings

A. Prairie Restoration — MWSU Prairie dedicated to Dr. John Rushin — Dr. Drake

B. Trees

1. Arborist Update — Martha Clark

2. Tree Board

3. EEJ, MDC Grant reports

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C. Plant Native St. Joe!

1. Report of March 21 meeting
2. Next meeting April 18
3. Members and stakeholders (See addendum 1)
4. GOALS
 - a. Encourage native plantings in businesses, schools, public areas such as parks, parkway, and home landscapes
 - b. Educate residents of the many benefits of native plants and trees
 - c. Work toward making St. Joseph a destination for visitors for Native Plantings
 - d. Include native plants, shrubs, trees and pollinator plants

(4) Coordinating efforts with St. Joseph businesses

Continuing City Partnership and Committee Reports

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

A. A sub-task force of GEO, the Resolution Committee, is made of Dr. Dawn Drake, Andrea Cole, Whitney Lanning and Diane Waddell. This committee will coordinate with city officials, to further the work of the GEO resolution.

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

(2) Historic Preservation — Dr. Kim Schutte

(3) Water Protection — Stormwater subcommittee, Katie Bruegge, Colleen Armstrong

(4) Litter Committee updates and coordination

Social Media/Education

2022

January, February — Green Business promotion

Suggestions from the Feb meeting were:

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

Suggestions from Dr Drake are the following:

International Migratory Bird Day is in May, so maybe migratory birds? Maybe we can get someone from Loess Bluffs Wildlife Refuge to talk about the flyway?

World Population Day is in July. Maybe a good month to talk about the impact of people on the planet in a variety of ways?

World Oceans Day is in June, a good opportunity to talk about water pollution, microplastics, coral reef death.

National Honey Bee Day is in August, great month to talk about pollinators

Also, consider: Historic Preservation Month

For Reference: 2021 Facebook

Monthly focus for Facebook/City Highlights: 2021 Facebook monthly themes:

Feb Clean Energy Focus (Dr. Drake)

March Native Plants (LuAnn)

April Earth Day (Green Small Business Awards with #GreenerStJoe)

Balanced approaches to agriculture and energy (Jeff Powelson)

May Historic Preservation (Dr. Schutte)

June Continued historic preservation (Landmark Commission - Report from Roger Martin)

July Sustainable urban planning/architecture (Sara Markt)

August Trees (Dr. Barta)

September Pollinators (Jeff Powelson)

October Sustainable energy technologies (Dr. Drake)

November Water Conservation (Katie Bruegge)

December — review of 2021

Other New Business and Public Comment

Next meeting: April 27, 2022, 3:30. Discuss Zoom or in person