

**Agenda
Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee (SEAC)
St. Joseph, MO
September 22, 2021 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

Topic: SEAC

Time: Sep 22, 2021 03:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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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 August **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 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
Decrease greenhouse gas emissions
Seek to reduce pollution of our water resources
Promote sustainable stewardship of historic buildings including adaptive reuse

Add revision of: Seek to improve energy efficiency and reduce energy use and Decrease greenhouse gas emissions

Old Business:

Green Businesses — Greener St. Joe — Subcommittee currently LuAnn Cadden, Sara Markt, Jan Storts, Diane Waddell

Continue working Trevor Tutt of Mo-Kan related to SEAC Green Business program and Downtown St. Joseph Main Street

Greenway Proposal — Kyle Beauchamp [1](as available)

Tree Projects, Prairie Restoration and Native Plantings

A. Prairie Restoration

1. MWSU Prairie dedicated to Dr. John Rushin — Jeff Powelson

- 2. Mosaic Prairie — Sean DeWeese
- B. Krug Park Native Plantings — LuAnn Cadden
- D. Tree projects/plans — Martha Clark
- E. Native Planting Team (Plant Native St. Joe!)
 - 1. Report of Sept. 20 and follow up meetings
 - 2. Next meeting October 18 at 1 PM
 - 3. Members and stakeholders (See addendum 1)

F. 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. Come up with a script related to the benefits to share with groups, etc.
 - b. Put together a brochure/information to share on social media
 - c. Highlight Markers as education (Pollinator Restoration, etc.)
- 3. Work toward making St. Joseph a destination for visitors for Native Plantings
- 4. Include native plants, shrubs, trees and pollinator plants

Ongoing City Partnership Reports

- A. Historic Preservation — Dr. Kim Schutte: Reimagining Heritage Neighborhoods
- B. Water Protection — Stormwater subcommittee, Katie Bruegge, Colleen Armstrong

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 and present the Resolution at a Work Session on October 18, scheduled through Paula Heyde.
- 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

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	

New Business and Public Comment

Next meeting: Oct. 27, 3:30 PM per Zoom