

Minutes
Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee (SEAC)
St. Joseph, MO
March 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.
February 23 **Minutes** were acknowledged.

Roll call was by check-in. Members on the call were Sara Markt, LuAnn Cadden, Jan Storts, Steve Potter, Kathleen Holeman and Diane Waddell. Staff were Dr. Kim Schutte, Historic Preservation Planner and Martha Clark, ISA-Certified Arborist.

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 at least 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. The group is accepting nominations for Green Business Earth Day Awards, which 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: — no report
- D. Native Planting Team (Plant Native St. Joe!) - The group continues to work on a brochure and met last at City Hall on Monday, March 21
 - 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.)

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- 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 — Green Business promotion

March: Women's history month — report on women working with the environment.

April: Earth Day and Green Business awards.

May: Celebrate trees

Migratory Birds Day (with Loess Bluffs flyway)

Prep for Historic Preservation

June: Children's Literature and Earth care

World Ocean's Day — (concentrate on water pollution, microplastic problem, coral reefs)

What you can do: clean your gutters

July World population day (highlight impact of people)

August Bees/pollinators (Bats!!!)

Follow up includes Master Naturalist TJ Peacher, Steve Potter on bats, Midland Empire Audubon Society

Next meeting: May 25, 3:30 PM (Zoom or in person?)

Minutes submitted by Diane Waddell

Addendum 1

Members, stakeholders of Plant Native Team

City of St Joseph (staff and departments)

Property Maintenance Manager Juston Carr
Parks and Rec Chuck Kempf
Historic Preservation Planner Dr. Kim Schutte
Neighborhood Services Coordinator Carol Flury
Water Protection Colleen Armstrong

Associations

Downtown Community Improvement Christy George
Main Street Committee (Beautification) Todd Coffman
Main Street Committee (Beautification) Max Guenther
Convention and Visitors Bureau Marci Bennett
Downtown Main Street St. Joe Trevor Tutt

Education

SJSD Dr. Gabe Edgar and Mickey Gill
St. Joseph Museums
Wyeth Tootle Sara Wilson Corinda Stallbaumer
Remington Nature Center Sarah Elder

Organizations

Master Gardeners Anne Manns
Ecumenical Eco-Justice Shelley White
Mary Jo Harris
Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee LuAnn Cadden, Steve Potter, Kathleen Holeman
Diane Waddell,

Jeff Powelson (Advisory)
MDC Forester

Addendum II**Members /Stakeholders GEO Team (Starred are members of Task force on the Resolution)**

Carol Barksdale NAACP, Member
*Whitney Lanning Community Action Partnership, Executive Director
Kendra Bundy St. Joseph Public Health Department, Assistant Director
Bryan Adkins MWSU, Director, Physical Plant
Kendra Lau, PhD SJSD, Director, School Improvement
*Andrea Cole Boehringer Ingelheim, Senior Specialist in Quality
Representative Mosaic Life Care
Cole McMillan Triumph, Communications Manager
Representative MWSU Biology Honors Society, Tri Beta
Shane Thompson Teamsters, Secretary/Treasurer, Business Agent
*Dawn Drake, PhD MWSU, Associate Professor; Member of SEAC
Tama Wagner St. Joseph Community Foundation, Director
Kyle Beauchamp Environmental Advocate, Member of SEAC, Co- Moderator GEO
*Diane Waddell Environmental Advocate, Member of SEAC

Elected Officials, City Staff Representatives and other Supporters

Kim Schutte, PhD Historic Preservation Consultant
Brady McKinley Assistant Director, Public Works
Elizabeth Sawin, PhD Environmental Advocate, Member of SEAC
Jeff Powelson

Advisory Consultants

Peter Hinkle Team Leader, Energy and Sustainability Services, Schneider Electric
Jabbar Wesley Government Affairs, Spire
Shaylyn Dean Manager, Energy Efficiently Program, Spire
RT Turner Community Affairs Manager, Evergy
Mr. Jody L. Carlson, Senior Manager Northwest Missouri Operations, Missouri American Water
RT Turner Evergy, Community Affairs Manager,
Dan Hegeman Evergy, District Community Affairs Manager (North District)
Brett Sharp Evergy, Business Development/Energy Savings Program
Katie Panek Evergy, Sr. Product Manager, Renewables
Kevin Brannan Evergy, Sr. Product Manager, Renewables