

Agenda
Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee (SEAC)
St. Joseph, MO
July 15, 2020. 3:30 PM

This will be a Zoom meeting set up through City of St. Joseph

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City of St. Joseph

Welcome and call to order

Review **June 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
 - Decrease single-use plastics
 - Decrease greenhouse gas emissions

Old Business:

Sustainable Alliance of St. Joe (The Sustainable Alliance of St. Joe [would be] a group of vetted organizations, businesses, and educational facilities in St. Joseph which models, encourages, and supports sustainable environmental practices.)

- A. Planning will be with coordination through MWSU Strategic Communication class beginning the fall semester of 2020 through spring 2021
- B. Input from Council representatives and Chamber encouraged
- C. Update: Luann Cadden, Jan Storts and Diane Waddell met with Dr. Jennifer Jackson per

Zoom. Dr. Jackson noted that this is underway through the Strategic Communication area. We will continue to meet with Dr. Jackson and the students throughout the next two semesters.

Report from Martha Clark, ISA-Certified Arborist and consultant

- A. Forest ReLeaf plans
 - 1. For pocket parks
 - 2. For neighborhood association
- B. Other

Recycling, St. Joseph

- A. Current status and concerns
- B. Other stakeholders — Jennifer Hall Melbourne and Robert Melbourne

Continued Reports

- A. Sean DeWeese — Mosaic and MO Conservation Partnership
- B. Dr. Barta, Dr. Drake, Dr. Sawin — MWSU
- C. Kim Schutte — Historic Preservation Consultant
- D. Leah Swindler — Water Protection

New and Ongoing Business

- A. Upcoming monthly highlights for Facebook/City Highlights
 - 1. July: Tips for water conservation. LuAnn Cadden worked with Leah Swindler and Katie Bruegge with Water Protection, on Corby Wetlands. Great job!!!

3. August - Spotlight decreasing overuse of products which require recycling. We will look at ways to promote decreasing plastic waste. Leah will talk with Whitney Lanning from the Preschool at Community Action Partnership about a possible composting project.

4. September - We are looking at promoting how to calculate and decrease our carbon footprint.

Dawn has the following suggestion to calculate carbon footprint:

<https://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/>

(which her students use)

She notes this video about American University being carbon neutral:

<https://youtu.be/LryxAyyKDM>

Also note this website from the Office of Sustainability Univ of FA on carbon neutrality:

<https://sustainable.ufl.edu/campus-initiatives/neutral-uf-coalition/>

One additional carbon footprint calculator is CoolClimate.org

6. October: Doing our part to battle climate change (International Day of Climate Action)

7. November: Recycling tips (to celebrate America Recycles Day)

- B. Idea of LuAnn Cadden to plant perennials in old stone planters, old playground at Krug Park. (Luann and Diane Waddell have talked with Chuck Kempf and Jeff Atkins. Many thanks to Luann!!)
- C. Promotion of SEAC through Media, Programming, etc.
- C. Other including Public Comment

Next meeting — August 19, 3:30 PM, by Zoom