

**Agenda**  
**Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee (SEAC)**  
**St. Joseph, MO**  
**August 19, 2020. 3:30 PM**

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

Welcome to committee members, staff, and guests and call to order

Review July **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 on 8/27/20.

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.

**Tree Planting**

Report from Martha Clark, ISA-Certified Arborist and consultant

- A. Forest ReLeaf plans
  - 1. For pocket parks (trees ordered)
  - 2. For neighborhood association (shrubs ordered)
- B. Other

Report from Dr. Drake and Dr. Barta re: MWSU student involvement

**Recycling, St. Joseph**

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

**Ongoing Reports**

- A. Sean DeWeese — Mosaic and MO Conservation Partnership
- B. Dr. Barta, Dr. Drake, Dr. Sawin — MWSU
- C. Kim Schutte — Historic Preservation Consultant
- D. Katie Bruegge — Water Protection — request for committee members for Stormwater subcommittee

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## **New and Ongoing Business**

### **A. Monthly focus for Facebook/City Highlights**

1. August - Spotlight decreasing overuse of products which require recycling especially decreasing plastic waste.
2. September - We are looking at promoting how to calculate and decrease our carbon footprint. Dr. Drake will prepare a short presentation for SEAC Facebook page.

Dr. Drake 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/LyryxAyyKDM>

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](http://CoolClimate.org)

3. October - Doing our part to battle climate change ( International Day of Climate Action)
4. November - Recycling tips (to celebrate America Recycles Day)

- B. Planting perennials in old stone planters, old playground at Krug Park (the Circus)  
Report from LuAnn Cadden
- C. Promotion of SEAC through Media, Programming, etc.
- C. Other including Public Comment

**Next meeting — September 16, 3:30 PM, by Zoom**