

**Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee Agenda**

**Dec 18, 2019**

**5:00 PM Work Session, 5:30 Meeting  
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall  
1100 Frederick, St. Joseph, Missouri**

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**Work Session: Review Monthly topics for 2020**

**Plan: Approve list, list lead coordinators and plan monthly agenda**

**1. Community education**

**a. through media including monthly newsletter**

**b. through activities**

**2. Coordinate with SEAC agenda**

**January:** Tips for winter energy conservation

**February:** Interview with Georganne Bowman about Corby Pond (to celebrate World Wetland Day)

**March:** Earth Day preparations, sustainability initiative

**April:** The value of trees (to celebrate Missouri Arbor Day)

**May:** Interview with Dr. Mark Mills about Blandings turtles (to celebrate World Turtle Day and Endangered Species Day)

**June:** Establishing a pollinator friendly garden (to celebrate National Pollinator Week)

**July:** Tips for water conservation

**August:** Back to school conservation tips

**September:** Reducing your carbon footprint (to celebrate Car Free Day)

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

**November:** Recycling tips (to celebrate America Recycles Day)

**December:** The year in review

**Regular Scheduled Meeting Call to Order**

**Introductions of committee members as Roll Call**

**Recognize staff, consultants, guests**

**Acknowledge minutes from Nov. 20, 2019 meeting.** (Note that guests' names are added if they have comment.)

**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

**Reports, conference calls, meetings, coordination with advisors, staff and partner organizations as needed:**

**Mayors' Climate Network Conference Call and Energy Savings Project — Nic Hutchison (excused)  
John Holland, Chair, Tree Board**

**Coordination with Mosaic and MO Conservation, Lonnie Messbarger**

**Tree planting, Tree Value Signs - assess for 2020**

**Tree Value Signs — Martha Clark, Arborist**

**Pocket Parks and Tree Planting - Martha Clark, ISA- Certified Arborist**

(Parks decided were Vories - Rest Square- Park and Seitz Park. Martha has been working with Scott Koch of the Parks Department.)

**Committees or Special Activities:**

**Five year Sustainable Environment Action Plan** (these are listed generally as goals)

**Raising Awareness of SEAC through Social Media**

**Facebook:** Jan Storts and LuAnn Cadden are administrators.

**Social Media with Students.**

**Mosaic:** through 'Connect It'

**Monthly lead topic — see above** (Thanks fo Dr. Drake for suggestions)

**Brochure**

**Other — City Link, City Highlights**

**Vignettes — coordinated by Dr. Elizabeth Sawin**

Write/collect vignettes, very short stories/narratives from the committee of no more than 300 words on environmental topics, which she would coordinate and file, and which could be used as well in social media, all of which could include our Facebook page.

**Sustainable Alliance of St. Joe (Green Affiliates group to model, encourage and support sustainable practices in organizations, businesses)**

**Business Partners**

- Who?** Grocery — Training for staff, reusable grocery bags, ask before giving plastic bag  
Coffee, tea shops, etc. — splash stick waste, straws  
Restaurants —  
Other retail —  
Other organizations —  
City/county —  
Other partners: including universities, Habitat, Remington Nature
- How?** How are they green?  
What do they envision?  
What does SEAC list as 'credentials?' or attributes, etc?
- What?** Refillable water stations  
Distribute reusable grocery bags (in partnership)
- Next** Plan:  
Compile and approve list of possible Credentials, attributes  
Application page  
Certificate of Partnership

**Decreasing single use plastics** Committee (could merger ideas with Sustainable Alliance) for now

**Upcoming dates and activities**

**Super Science Saturday MWSU Ja 25, 9 to 3.**

1. Dr. Barta will host SEAC
2. Needs  
Confirm focus (trees?)  
Volunteers  
Activities  
Special visitors?  
Brochure — Jan

**Earth Day: April 22, 2020 — Earth Day 50th Anniversary**

Subsequent to Mayor Bill's suggestion, and subsequent to paperwork, St. Joseph will be listed through Green Cities Program in Earth Day Network as a participant. Our goal be to announce our Sustainable Alliance

**Earth Day Celebration: — needs**

- Date (s)
- Focus
- Partners  
MW science students?  
Ag and extension?  
Conservation?
- Site
- Activities  
booths  
children's activities

**Arbor Day with MO Conservation**

**Adjourn:** Next meeting Ja 15, 2019