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**Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee Minutes  
August 21, 2019  
5:00 PM Work Session, 5:30 Meeting  
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall  
1100 Frederick, St. Joseph, Missouri**

**The Work Session presentation was by Sara Markt, SMart architecture, on Environmental Sustainability in the Urban Built Environment.**

**Diane Waddell, called the scheduled meeting to order.**

**Introductions of committee members were used as Roll Call**

**Members present were Sara Markt, Betty Sawin, Jan Storts, LuAnn Cadden, and Diane Waddell. Also present were Martha Clark, consultant; Nic Hutchison, staff, and Gracie Sauter, representing St. Joseph Youth Alliance. She is the Youth Volunteer Coordinator. Community members were also acknowledged.**

**The statement of purpose in recognition that we are a part of the Mayor's Climate Network was noted.**

*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*

**Recent and current business**

**Reports, conference calls, meetings, coordination with groups**

**Mayors' Climate Network Conference Call** — Nic Hutchison, Staff, shared the report.

**Tree Value Signs** — Martha is coordinating placing the tree value signs. Gracie Sauter is gathering youth from the Youth Alliance. Other volunteers will be needed to put up the tree value signs. The suggested date is Sept. 10, at 3:30 along the Corby Parkway, NE side.

**TRIM grant collaboration report (Tree Resource Improvement And Maintenance)** .This grant is being requested through Ecumenical Eco-Justice of St. Joseph. The grant recipients have not yet been announced.

**Pocket Parks and Tree Planting** - Martha Clark will check with Parks and Rec about how the recreational equipment placement is coming and how many trees could be planted. There are still some trees available from this spring's supply. Gracie will work with the Tree Board and others to help assure they are watered.

**Western Warm-up** - Diane will represent SEAC at MWSU on August 26. She will share our SEAC brochures.

**SEAC GOALS, Related Sub-committees**

**Five year Sustainable Environment Action Plan** — will be reviewed in September.

**Our current listing of goals were reviewed, and are as follows.**

Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle  
Plant and nurture trees  
Decrease single-use plastics  
Decrease greenhouse gas emissions

**We want to raise awareness of SEAC.** We could share at Western Warm-up as well as the following:

**Plans for brochure:** We hope this could be listed in the City Highlights.

**For the Love of Trees Expo** — Center for Justice, Outreach, Yoga, 1202 Felix, Oct 12, 10:30 to 3

**Green Affiliates (organizations, businesses)** — We will follow up in September and look at what Columbia, KC, and Lawrence are doing to encourage sustainable practices in businesses and organization. We need to have guidelines to be on a qualifying list.

**Decreasing single use plastics** — continues to be a goal.

**Adjourn:** Next meeting September 18, 2019. We will start with a 5 PM work sessions on goals.

Minutes submitted by Diane Waddell