

Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee Agenda
September 18, 2019
5:00 PM Work Session, 5:30 Meeting
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
1100 Frederick, St. Joseph, Missouri

Work Session: Review current and Five Year Sustainable Action Plan

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

Members of the advisory committee and community discussed committee goals and plans including the following:

1. We continue our desire to assemble 'green business' and organization group which could be called Sustainable Alliance of St. Joe. Partners who we would want to consider would be Habitat for Humanity and MWSU in addition to Master Gardeners, etc.
2. We want to promote decreasing plastics in food service including plastic bags. Regarding trash with restaurants, we could encourage drive-through sites to have trash receptacles at the end of their drive-through.
3. We need to promote sustainability through social media, perhaps with PSAs, asking particular civic leaders to do these. We might be able to work with the Communication and Journalism Dept. working with Dr. James Carviou.
4. Diane reported on her contacts with Jasmine Moore, Sustainability Director, City of Lawrence and Douglas County, KS.

Regular Scheduled Meeting

Diane Waddell, moderator, called the meeting to order.

Roll call was by recognizing members present, including Jan Storts; LuAnn Cadden; and Csegele Barta, PhD. Also present were Nic Hutchison, staff, and Martha Clark, arborist for the City of St. Joseph, and consultant. Minutes of the August meeting were noted.

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*

Recent and current business

Reports, conference calls, meetings, coordination with advisors, staff and partner organizations

Conferences, previous and upcoming

Diane reported briefly on the 2019 Metro KC Climate Summit. (September 14), noting it was excellent and well supported by the KC Metro area.

Diane will be attending the 'Growing Sustainable Communities' Conference, Oct 24, 25, Dubuque IA, as a volunteer.

Reports and follow up on projects

Tree Value Signs — Martha Clark

Many thanks to Martha Clark, Gracie Sauter and St. Joseph Youth Alliance, Lonnie Messbarger, Tree Board and SEAC representatives for putting up the Tree Value signs.

Pocket Parks and Tree Planting - Martha Clark, Arborist

Martha is continuing to work on coordinating planting at Seitz and Vories Parks. She is coordinating with Scott Koch of the Parks Department. We are also working with Gracie Sauter of St. Joseph Youth Alliance. (Vories is also known as Rest Square Park.) Seitz Park is located at Ester and Elijah Streets. Vories Park is half a block east of 22nd and north of 36 Highway.