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**Minutes
Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee (SEAC)
St. Joseph, MO
October 21, 2020. 3:30 PM**

This was Zoom meeting set up through City of St. Joseph by Kim Schutte

Diane welcomed committee members and staff and called the meeting to order.

Roll call was by check-in. Members present were LuAnn Cadden, Dawn Drake, Jan Storts, Betty Sawin, Sean DeWeese and Diane Waddell. City staff and consultants present were Katie Bruegge (Stormwater Quality Coordinator, Water Protection,) Martha Clark (ISA-Certified Arborist and consultant,) and Dr. Kim Schutte, (Historic Preservation Consultant.)

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:

Diane Waddell remarked on the proposed **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 continues with coordination through MWSU Strategic Communication class beginning the fall semester of 2020 through spring 2021
- B. Input from Council representatives and Chamber is encouraged
- C. LuAnn Cadden, Jan Storts and Diane Waddell will continue to meet with Dr. Jennifer Jackson and her class.

Martha Clark reported on the **tree planting** on Sept. 30. Tree transport and planting was coordinated by David Ball and Dan Benz with the Tree Board as well as Lonnie Messbarger and Parks and Rec. Parks and Rec will water the trees. They also dug the holes and contacted Dig Right.

Specifics on pocket park planting:

College Hill Park (5) 4 Oak Trees (1 Shumard, 1 Chinkapin, 2 Swamp White) 1 River Birch
12th & Henry Streets (In Cathedral Hill Neighborhood)

Hochman Park (4) 1 Bur, 2 Post, 1 Chinkapin
4700 Pickett Road (east of I-29)

Seitz Park (5) 2 Redbuds, 1 Bur Oak, 2 River Birch
6800 Esther (South St. Joseph, east of 59 Hwy)

Additionally, Diane ordered 7 trees for the JOY Center at 1202 Felix.

Betty Sawin announced that several **trees were planted by Persistence** in the NW Parkway area and will be dedicated on October 24.

Dawn Drake noted that the MWSU Board of Governors will approve the **prairie restoration** area east of the campus which will be dedicated and named after Dr. John Rushin on Oct. 31.

Sean DeWeese continues to help coordinate the **prairie restoration** just north of **Mosaic Life Care**, where prairie grass seed was planted.

Katie Bruegge stated that 11 persons, basically representing the **subcommittee on Stormwater Quality**, came to help work on the border area around the rain garder in the Corby Grove area. Six new species of native plants are being planted. There is a Wetlands work day on Nov 7 at 9 AM as well. There will be a new rain garden area in the spring.

LuAnn Cadden reported on continued work on the **perennial planting at the "Circus" area at Krug Park** as discussed with Parks Director Chuck Kempf. They will have spring, summer and fall flowers. Friends of Krug Park have been helpful as well.

SEAC Facebook:

October - We will focus on Climate Change

November - Recycling tips and the importance of recycling

December - We could consider a sustainable holiday theme, and an 'Environmental' New Years' Resolution

Many thanks to Jan Storts, LuAnn Cadden and Dawn Drake for keeping up work on the Facebook Page.

New Business:

We are reminded that Mayor McMurray has signed the MO Mayors Clean Energy Pledge with the MO Sierra Club. Betty suggested we follow up on this. Diane will ask Mayor Bill and representatives of the MO Sierra Club working on this project to meet at our November meeting.

Betty noted that Linda Hall Library is hosting a series of programs on Water Access, Supply and Sustainability on Oct 27-29. Information is available on the website.

**Next meeting — November 18, 3:30 PM, by Zoom.
(Note: This was later changed to 3 PM)**

Submitted by Diane Waddell