

Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee Agenda
Ja 15, 2020
5:00 PM Work Session, 5:30 Meeting
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
1100 Frederick, St. Joseph, Missouri

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CITY CLERK

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 — Dr. Sawin has written and sent to LuAnn to put in Facebook.

February: Work with Leah Swindler regarding water conservation or similar topics. Note that World Wetland Day is in Feb.

March: Earth Day preparations, sustainability initiative

April: The value of trees (to celebrate Missouri Arbor Day, April 24 - the last Friday)

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). Mary Jo Harris and Shelley White will get more background resources to coordinate programming, sharing information.

July: Tips for water conservation. LuAnn Cadden will review.

August: Back to school conservation tips. Work on encouraging sustainability at MWSU. We have Western Warm-UP on Aug. 31.

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 MEETING:

Introductions of committee members as Roll Call

Recognize staff, consultants, guests

Acknowledge minutes from Dec 18, 2019 meeting.

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

John Holland, Chair, Tree Board

Coordination with Mosaic and MO Conservation, Lonnie Messbarger

Tree planting, Tree Value Signs - assess for 2020

Tree Value Signs plans, costs for 2020

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 and Organizational Partners

Discuss who and how they are recognized

Discuss other universities particularly NW and Springfield campus

Other means or recognition (awards, etc.)

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

Importance of trees is focus

Volunteers (see minutes)

Activities

Special visitors — Mayor Bill has agreed to visit

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 — Earth Day April 22, 2020, 7 PM

Focus — Announce Sustainable Alliance

Partners — Working with Director Sarah Elcer

Site — Remington Center (No charge)

Activities — recognize SA partners

— Other activities

Arbor Day with MO Conservation April 23, time not set

Adjourn: Next meeting Feb 19,5 PM 2019