

Agenda
Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee (SEAC)
St. Joseph, MO
April 21, 2021 3:00 PM

This will be a Zoom meeting set up through the City of St. Joseph.

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Welcome and Call to order by Diane Waddell, moderator.
Thanks to Dr. Kim Schutte, staff liaison, for setting up the Zoom call.

Acknowledge March **Minutes**

Roll call by check-in

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 and native plants
 - Decrease single-use plastics
 - Encourage and support businesses which model environmental sustainability
 - Decrease greenhouse gas emissions

Old Business:

Coordination with MWSU for Branding, Green Business (Dr. Jennifer Jackson and Strategic Communication student representatives. **See contract below**)

- A. Note coordination of MWSU Strategic Communication class which began in the fall semester of 2020 and continues through spring 2021.
- B. Note work of their logo/branding, Facebook, #GreenerStJoe, Green small (non-franchise) businesses, April 22 Green Business Awards (6 PM)
- C. Note SEAC representatives are Jan Storts, LuAnn Cadden and Diane Waddell.

Tree Projects, Prairie Restoration and Native Plantings

- A. MWSU Prairie dedicated to Dr. John Rushin — Jeff Powelson
- B. Mosaic and MO Conservation partnership on prairie restoration — Sean DeWeese
- C. Krug Park Native Plantings — LuAnn Cadden
- D. Tree projects/plans — Martha Clark

Ongoing City Partnership Reports

- A. Historic Preservation — Dr. Kim Schutte (May is Historic Preservation Month)
- B. Water Protection — Stormwater subcommittee, Katie Bruegge, Colleen Armstrong

Mayors for Clean Energy (Ready for 100 Campaign): GEO Team (Green Energy Opportunity Team)

The pre-planning GEO Team included Mayor McMurray, Dr. Dawn Drake, Dr. Betty Sawin, Jan Storts and Diane Waddell.

GEO Team includes organizations, academic institutions, community groups and individuals which represent stakeholders. SEAC is represented as well as the City. They meet at 4 PM on the third Monday of the month.

Description: *That the City of St. Joseph will develop incremental goals for 2025-2030-2035 to utilize cleaner energy in areas such as transportation, built environment, housing, and other energy systems.*

Stakeholders would include representatives from City departments, businesses, academic institutions, public health, housing, environmental and low income advocates, utility companies, and members of the community.

This team will be called the GEO Team (Green Energy Opportunity) Team and will be set up through the Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee. Members will work with the Mayor, elected officials, and other city leaders as needed.

Monthly focus for Facebook/City Highlights: 2021 Facebook monthly themes:

Feb	Clean Energy Focus (Dr. Drake)
March	Native Plants (LuAnn)
April	Earth Day (Green Small Business Awards with #GreenerStJoe) Balanced approaches to agriculture and energy (Jeff Powelson)
May	Historic Preservation (Dr. Schutte)
June	Continued historic preservation (Landmark Commission - Report from Roger Martin)
July	Sustainable urban planning/architecture (Sara Markt)
August	Trees (Dr. Barta)
September	Pollinators (Jeff Powelson)
October	Sustainable energy technologies (Dr. Drake)
November	Water Conservation (Katie Bruegge)
December	

New Business:

- A. Coordinate with other groups to Emphasize Planting Native (trees, plants)
 - 1. This could be related to the GEO Goals, since natives help capture emissions
 - 2. Begin to list community groups which would have similar interests
(Currently these could be EEJ, Neighborhood Groups, Master Gardeners)
 - 3. Work with Jeff Powelson and others to coordinate and raise awareness of the importance of natives regionally
 - 4. Possible theme: Back to our Roots (from Kyle Beauchamp)
- B. Traffic/street lanes proposition (from Kyle Beauchamp)
 - 1. One fifth of city streets be designated slower enabling safer bicycle travel
 - 2. This related to our goals by encouraging bicycle use
- B. (On hold) Proposed partnership with Tama Wagner and Isobel McGowen regarding a city-wide program to place 1000 branded trash receptacles throughout the city with the aim of reducing litter city-wide and a comprehensive trash pick up service. This is through Community Alliance (Chamber of Commerce) and I Love Hall Street.
- C. Other including Public Comment

Program: Dr. Elizabeth Sawin will present a review of the book Energy Resources.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 19, 3:00 per Zoom