

Agenda
Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee (SEAC)
St. Joseph, MO
May 19, 2021 3:00 PM

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

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

Acknowledge April **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

Program and Highlight of the Month: Historic Preservation and Sustainable Communities —
Shared by Dr. Kim Schutte, Historic Preservation Planner

Old Business:

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
- E. Native Planting Team — Jeff Powelson (LuAnn Cadden, Shelley White, Kyle Beauchamp, Diane Waddell)
 - 1. Goals include raising awareness of the importance of native plantings in business and home landscapes , stressing carbon capture, teaming up with other community groups such as EEJ, Neighborhood Associations, Master Gardeners, etc.)
 - 2. Possible theme: Back to our Roots (from Kyle Beauchamp)

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)

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	

Green Small Business Emphasis, including Earth Day Awards (transferred back from MWSU)

- A. Reset SEAC committee for Green Businesses
- B. Reset SEAC committee for Green Business Awards
- C. Review previous MWSU/SEAC partnership

New Business:

- A. 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.. Other including Public Comment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 16, 3:00 per Zoom