



# MEETING MINUTES SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

MEETING DATE	May 15, 2023
PLACE	WG City Hall/Online (Gordon Room)
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER	4:04 p.m.
MEETING ADJOURNED	5:05 p.m.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Jamie Hasemeier	x	
Pam Bliss <b>Council Liaison</b>	x	
Paul Barrs	x	
John Hickey	x	
Andrea Parton	x	
Todd Rehg <b>Public Works Director,</b>	x	
Elizabeth Schappe	x	
Vera Cavato - Assistant director of Public Works	x	
Karen Anderson-non voting	x	
Karla Armbruster	x	
Mike Stauss		x
Aamna Anwer		x
Jeff Tomich		x

**Visitor:** WGHS intern-Karsen K

Also Present:

Meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

Minutes: Paul to approve: John seconded. Approved by voice vote

Jamie Introduced Karen Anderson

**Todd Rehg Update**

1. Recommended for approval Glendale to Watson path to be approved in Aug.
2. Karsen K. asked about chargers for WGSD; building opportunity



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3. EV charging grant update- Todd update police chargers did not qualify bc not public. 36 charging stations (18 ports) already in works throughout Webster Groves. Getting chargers at school? Will charge .25 cents an hr. to use DC fast chargers are \$50,000+

## Old Business:

1. SIUE GHG/Intern- Do we need to do anything to move forward with council? This likely approved in June (\$100,000 to hopefully be approved end of June)
2. TAC Collaboration: Complete Streets Policy Thing- Mayor Arnold said this will not fall off radar. Police Chief and Todd also reviewing, and grant being complete for safe streets for all.
3. WOW- success! nice and hot! Can't wait until next year! Thanks, Paul!
4. GSAC Collaboration- Eco Ed Speaker Series
  - **August 10 Jean Ponzi-mosquitoes** [Here](#) is the StL Public Radio interview with Jean Ponzi about the mosquito program discussed on StL on the Air
  - **September 21 Mr. Eric Hayes, Hixson Middle School Sustainability Educator**
  - **October 19; Jenny Wendt MRCTI- plastic waste**
  - **November 16; Mark Manteuffel- wellness & sustainability**
  - Continue speaker series into next year.
5. Stormwater- \$25K toward plan/\$25K toward implementing

## New Business

1. Solar Update, Begin Planning Roll Out- GROW SOLAR program; waiting on installer selection, then we can schedule. In WG, restrictive language removed from putting solar panels on houses and buildings. People can more readily and easily get approved for solar panels. Let's SOLAR-BRATE! Grow Solar has an official installer to save money. Works with IRA (inflation reduction act) to help people see incentives and easy how to install. Ideas- SOLAR House Tour on a specific time or self guided walking tour. People want to know cost to lets share what we know,

## Councilwoman Pam Bliss Update

1. BUDGET Pam- Nation League of Cities, NLC- great resources to help cities apply for grants, IRA, You have to have a current plan in place to apply for grants to use without a structure behind it. That's why we need a plan for ARP money. Dr. Peoples and staff can implement it. With 100K we use 5,500 for greenhouse gas inventory, 25K for stormwater management plan, 25K to implement projects, 25K green dining alliance, 25K for education to learn about EV charging or solar installations in homes. Grow Solar program that helped businesses and home is coming back! Dr.



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Peoples along with others will bring the budget amendment to May 16,council meeting. Question: Deer Creek- acquiring houses on Pacific? Still unknown; waiting on FEMA

Upcoming Dates: May 16, council meeting 10 am. Thursday 18, speaker series @ Larson Park re; watershed Coffee at Rec Plex on Wednesday, May 17.

Mara Perry - subcommittee to connect

Next meeting June 26, 4:00 pm.

Karla moved to adjourn: Seconded by Paul. Adjournment at 5:05

THANK YOU ALL

End of minutes.