

Agenda
Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee (SEAC)
St. Joseph, MO
Wednesday Feb 22, 3:30 PM
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Here is the zoom link:

Kim Schutte is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: SEAC

Time: Feb 22, 2023 03:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Roll call by check-in

Acknowledge members and guests.

Special welcome to Brooke Kuykendall, Community Services Coordinator, Planning & Community Development

Goals of SEAC: Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Plant and nurture trees and native plants

Decrease single-use plastics

Encourage and support businesses which model environmental sustainability

Seek to reduce pollution of our water resources

Promote sustainable stewardship of historic buildings including adaptive reuse

Encourage the City of St. Joseph and all residences, businesses and other organizations to improve energy efficiency to decrease greenhouse gas emissions.

Continuing committee and community reports

(1) Green Businesses — #Greener St. Joe — Subcommittee

Members: LuAnn Cadden, Sara Markt, Jan Storts, Diane Waddell)

- Purposes:
- A. Promote green business practices, focusing on local small businesses, particularly downtown businesses
 - B. Plan

(2) Greenway Proposal — (currently on hold and referred to Brady McKinley Public Works)

(3) Tree Projects, Prairie Restoration and Native Plantings

A. MWSU Biology

—Dr. John Rushin Teaching and Research Prairie: Dr. Drake, Dr. Barta

—Super Science Saturday 2023 Report

B. Trees

1. Arborist Update — Martha Clark

2. Tree Board report

3. EEJ, MDC Grant reports on Felix Street Square, Urban Tree Canopy, Rotary trees

C. Plant Native St. Joe!

1. Meeting with Mason Hurley, MDC, Private Land Conservationist/Consultant, Feb. 27

2. Members and stakeholders (See addendum 1)

3. Robidoux Roundabout update
4. Goals
 - a. Encourage native plantings in businesses, schools, public areas such as parks, parkway, and home landscapes
 - b. Educate residents of the many benefits of native plants and trees
 - c. Work toward making St. Joseph a destination for visitors for Native Plantings
 - d. Include native plants, shrubs, trees and pollinator plants

Welcome, in Coordinating Position: Brooke Kuykendall, Community Services Coordinator, Planning & Community Development

Continuing City Partnership and Committee Reports

- (1) GEO Team (Green Energy Opportunity Team (No report))
 - A. A sub-task force of GEO, the Resolution Committee, is made of Dr. Dawn Drake, Andrea Cole, Whitney Lanning and Diane Waddell. This committee will coordinate with city officials, to further the work of the GEO resolution.
 - B. "A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING PRACTICES BY THE CITY OF ST. JOSEPH AND BY ALL RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATION TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE EMISSIONS."
- (2) *Historic Preservation Planner: Dr. Kim Schutte: ARPA funds possibilities/green space improvement*
- (3) Water Protection — Colleen Armstrong
- (4) Beautify St. Joseph and Friends of Krug Park
 - a. Request from Friends of Krug Park — for assist with "natural plantings to fill the back bank of the lagoon just below the Rose Garden. It is so steep there that it's hard for the crew to mow." (Email from Terry Turbak)
 - b. Beautify St. Joe Clean up April 1 (request from Colleen Armstrong)
- (5) Partner organizations: EEJ environmental programming: members encouraged to attend meetings
- (6) Organizational reports. Mosaic, B-I

Social Media/Education — Jan Storts, LuAnn Cadden

2022 Facebook

January, February — Green Business promotion
 March: *Women's history month — report on women working with the environment.*
 April: *Earth Day and Green Business awards.*
 May: *Celebrate trees*
 Migratory Birds Day (with Loess Bluffs flyway)
 Prep for Historic Preservation
 June: *Literature and Earth care*
 July — *Trees — particularly related to the TRIM grant/tree canopy study*
 August — *Pollinators. (Steve will help with bats as pollinators info)*
 Sept — *Water pollution including plastics (from backyard to the ocean)*
 October — *Plants — Dr Barta*
 Nov — *(Beyond) Recycling — focus on Rethink Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, (and finally Recycle)*
 Dec —

Other New Business and Public Comment

Next meeting: March 22 by Zoom