

Agenda
Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee (SEAC)
St. Joseph, MO
Wednesday March 22, 2023
First Floor Conference Room City Hall

2023 MAR 20 PM 1:45
CITY CLERK

Roll call by check-in

Acknowledge minutes of February meeting

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. Green Business Awards scheduled for April 27, 3:30, Convention and Visitors Bureau

(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. Barta

—Biology Research: congrats to Dr. Barta!!!

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. Report of meeting at Parks and Rec on March 20
- 2. Robidoux Roundabout and update
- 3. Other projects
- 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 (no report)*

(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

2023 Facebook Foci

Ja, Feb, March, April Promote Green Business and Awards, Decrease Single use Plastics

May

June

July

August

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: Wednesday, April 26. (Site and time TBD)

Addendum 1

Members, stakeholders of Plant Native Team

City of St Joseph (staff and departments)

Property Maintenance Manager	Juston Carr
Parks and Rec	Chuck Kempf, Director
Neighborhood Associations/Historic Preservation	Dr. Kim Schutte
Water Protection, Stormwater Quality Coordinator	Colleen Armstrong
Green Infrastructure, Stormwater Control	Kevin Lytton
Green Infrastructure, Section Inspector, Stormwater Control	Jeremy Actin

Associations

Downtown Community Improvement	Christy George
Main Street Committee (Beautification)	Todd Coffman
Main Street Committee (Beautification)	Max Guenther
Mo-Kan Community Development Coordinator	Trevor Tutt
Convention and Visitors Bureau	Marci Bennett, E.D.

Education

SJSD	Dr. Gabe Edgar and Mickey Gill
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St. Joseph Museums

Wyeth Tootle, St. Joseph Museums	Sara Wilson, E. D. Corinda
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Remington Nature Center	Sarah Elder, Manager
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Organizations and Committees

Master Gardener	Anne Manns
Ecumenical Eco-Justice	Shelley White
	Mary Jo Harris
Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee	LuAnn Cadden
	Diane Waddell*
MDC, Private Land Conservationist	Mason Hurley
Beautify St. Joseph (previously Litter Committee)	Terry Turbak, chair
Friends of Krug Park	Terry Turbak, chair