

Agenda
Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee (SEAC)
St. Joseph, MO
Wednesday, August 24 , 3:30 PM
First Floor Conference Room

CITY CLERK
2022 AUG 19 AM 8:09

Roll call by check-in
Acknowledge members and guests.

Statement of purpose in recognition that we originated as part of the Mayor's Climate Network
This committee comes from a "Network of Climate Mayors Resolution" dated 8/24/18 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

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 with coordination through Main Street Downtown

B. Plan

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

(3) Tree Projects, Prairie Restoration and Native Plantings

A. Prairie Restoration — MWSU Prairie dedicated to Dr. John Rushin — Dr. Drake

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. Next meeting, EEJ hosting, Colleen Armstrong leading, August 25, 7 PM Corby wetlands

2. Report: brochure, plans

3. Members and stakeholders (See addendum 1)

4. Working with Colleen, Mosaic on Robidoux Roundabout

5. 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

Continuing City Partnership and Committee Reports

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

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."

C. Invitation to meet (in July) with SEAC was sent to Mayor Josendale along with invitation for update in membership to Climate Mayors (including link)

- (2) Historic Preservation — Dr. Kim Schutte
- (3) Water Protection — Stormwater subcommittee, Katie Bruegge, Colleen Armstrong
- (4) Litter Committee updates and coordination
- (5) Partner organizations: EEJ environmental programming
- (6) Organizational reports. Mosaic, B-I

Social Media/Education

2022

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 —

For Reference: 2021 Facebook

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 — review of 2021

Other New Business and Public Comment

Next meeting: Sept 28, 2022 3:30

Addendum 1

Members, stakeholders of Plant Native Team

City of St Joseph (staff and departments)

Property Maintenance Manager	Juston Carr
Neighborhood Services Coordinator	Carol Flury
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

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Remington Nature Center	Sarah Elder, Manager
Organizations and Committees	
Master Gardener	Anne Manns
Ecumenical Eco-Justice	Shelley White
	Mary Jo Harris
Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee	LuAnn Cadden
	Diane Waddell*
MDC	Matt Schwend
Litter Committee (St. Joseph)	Terry Turbak, chair
Friends of Krug Park	Terry Turbak, chair

Addendum II

Members /Stakeholders GEO Team (Starred are members of Sub Task force)

Carol Barksdale NAACP, Member
*Whitney Lanning Community Action Partnership, Executive Director
Kendra Bundy St. Joseph Public Health Department, Assistant Director
Bryan Adkins MWSU, Director, Physical Plant
Kendra Lau, PhD SJSD, Director, School Improvement
*Andrea Cole Boehringer Ingelheim, Senior Specialist in Third Party Quality
Representative Mosaic Life Care
Cole McMillan Triumph, Communications Manager
Representative MWSU Biology Honors Society, Tri Beta

Shane Thompson Teamsters, Secretary/Treasurer, Business Agent
*Dawn Drake, PhD MWSU, Associate Professor; Member of SEAC
Tama Wagner St. Joseph Community Foundation, Director
Kyle Beauchamp Environmental Advocate, Member of SEAC, Co- Moderator GEO
*Diane Waddell Environmental Advocate, Member of SEAC

Elected Officials, City Staff Representatives and other Supporters

Mayor Bill McMurray Climate Mayor
Brenda Blessing City Council Representative
Kim Schutte, PhD Historic Preservation Consultant
Brady McKinley Assistant Director, Public Works
Elizabeth Sawin, PhD Environmental Advocate, Member of SEAC
Jeff Powelson Private Land Conservationist, Missouri Department of Conservation

Advisory Consultants

Peter Hinkle Team Leader,	Schneider Electric, Energy and Sustainability Services
Jabbar Wesley	Spire, Government Affairs
Shaylyn Dean Manager	Spire, Energy Efficiently Program
RT Turner	Evergy, Community Affairs Manager
Mr. Jody L. Carlson,	Missouri American Water, Senior Manager Northwest Missouri Operations
RT Turner	Evergy, Community Affairs Manager,
Dan Hegeman	Evergy, District Community Affairs Manager (North District)
Brett Sharp	Evergy, Business Development/Energy Savings Program
Katie Panek	Evergy, Sr. Product Manager, Renewables
Kevin Brannan	Evergy, Sr. Product Manager, Renewables