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**Agenda**  
**Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee (SEAC)**  
**St. Joseph, MO**  
**August 25, 2021 3:00 PM**

This will be a Zoom meeting set up through the City of St. Joseph.  
Zoom connection available in First Floor conference room, City Hall

Topic: SEAC  
Time: Aug 25, 2021 03:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85839601767?pwd=K0ROMWcwc3Z4eEkrWnlmSExRRnpIQT09>

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

**Acknowledge July 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

- Add goals?
- Seek to reduce pollution of our water resources
  - Promote sustainable stewardship of historic buildings including adaptive reuse
  - Seek to improve energy efficiency and reduce energy use

**Old Business:**

Green Businesses — Greener St. Joe — Subcommittee currently LuAnn Cadden, Sara Markt, Jan Storts, Diane Waddell

Continue working Trevor Tutt of Mo-Kan related to SEAC Green Business program and Downtown St. Joseph Main Street

Greenway Proposal — Kyle Beauchamp [1](as available)

Tree Projects, Prairie Restoration and Native Plantings

- A. Prairie Restoration
  - 1. MWSU Prairie dedicated to Dr. John Rushin — Jeff Powelson
  - 2. Mosaic Prairie — Sean DeWeese
- B. Krug Park Native Plantings — LuAnn Cadden
- D. Tree projects/plans — Martha Clark
- E. Native Planting Team (Plant Native St. Joe!)
  - 1. Report of August 16 and follow up meetings
  - 2. Next meeting at CVB at 1 PM September 20

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Diane Waddell  
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3. Members and stakeholders (See addendum 1)

F. Goals

1. Encourage native plantings in businesses, schools, public areas such as parks, parkway, and home landscapes
2. Educate residents of the many benefits of native plants and trees
  - a. Come up with a script related to the benefits to share with groups, etc.
  - b. Put together a brochure/information to share on social media
  - c. Highlight Markers as education (Pollinator Restoration, etc.)
3. Work toward making St. Joseph a destination for visitors for Native Plantings
4. Include native plants, shrubs, trees and pollinator plants

Ongoing City Partnership Reports

A. Historic Preservation — Dr. Kim Schutte,

1. Reimagining Heritage Neighborhoods, other

2. **PROGRAM: SARA MARKT with SMart ARCHITECTURE + DESIGN**

B. Water Protection — Stormwater subcommittee, Katie Bruegge, Colleen Armstrong

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

1. Note: in the GEO meeting August 16, Stakeholders passed the Resolution. SEAC needs to confirm. (See addendum III)

2. *A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING PRACTICES BY THE CITY OF ST. JOSEPH AND BY ALL RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATION TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE EMISSIONS.*

3. *Next steps*

**Social Media/Education**

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	

**New Business:**

1. Greener St. Joe Planet Party — Saturday, July 31, report
2. Review time, date for meeting
3. Public Comment

**Next meeting:** Sept 23. 3 PM? Zoom?