

Climate Protection and Energy Efficiency Committee

A meeting of the CPEEC was called to order at 4:00 P.M., October 6, 2015, at Alton City Hall, 101 E. Third Street, Alton.

Members present: Jeff Dale, Alderman David Boulds, Zeke Jabusch, Adam Peipert, and Randy Hausmann

Members absent: Laura Asher and Wayne Politsch

Staff and Visitors: Matt Asselmeier and Jean Ponzi (by telephone)

Due to the absence of Chairman Politsch, Jeff Dale nominated Alderman David Boulds to be acting Chairman, seconded by Adam Peipert. There were no other nominees. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Zeke Jabusch made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2015 meeting, seconded by Jeff Dale. Motion passed unanimously.

Jean Ponzi, of the Missouri Botanical Gardens, explained the Green Cities Challenge. The Challenge is an off-shoot of the St. Louis Green Business Challenge. Madison County recruited and paid for Alton's participation. Other participating communities include Highland, University City, Maplewood, and St. Charles. Jean acknowledged the good work that Alton has accomplished previously and wanted to showcase Alton's achievements to the region at large. Discussion occurred regarding incentives to participate in the Green Cities Challenge; the City receives the support of the network of participants in the program, public relations, and an award in January. Discussion occurred regarding the Missouri Botanical Gardens' work with Lewis and Clark Community College. Discussion occurred regarding the Bridgespan Group. Alton was advised to work on a ride sharing program for employees and to get the white paper at Public Works to be made of 30% renewable materials. The website for the Challenge is www.stlouisgreenchallenge.com.

Randy Hausmann presented a draft letter to Tom Steyer of the Bridgespan Group requesting financial assistance to increase solar energy utilization in Alton. The consensus of the Committee was that the letter should come from Mayor Walker and should mention the history of the Committee and the City's intentions. Randy will email the letter to Matt Asselmeier and they will work with Mayor Walker to prepare the letter.

The Committee acknowledged the invitation of Elizabeth Scrafford for the October 12th event.

Under Other Business, Adam Peipert provided an update on the bicycle race. He is meeting with various parties to finalize the date and route; he is also working with

Edwardsville for assistance in planning the event. The feedback from the bicycle ride at Lewis and Clark Community College was positive. Alderman David Boulds reported that he is working on a bicycle trail map and he plans to drive the codified bicycle routes to view their condition. A groundbreaking occurred at the Alton Regional Multi-Modal Transportation Center and was very well attended. Zeke Jabusch reported that the North Alton-Godfrey Business Council had a meeting with the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding cleaning up the medians on Homer Adams Parkway from Washington to W. Delmar and U.S. 67 from 20th to TheBank of Edwardsville Building. The Business Council will also be conducting a %shop local+campaign starting the week before Thanksgiving and running until the end of the year; partners include the RiverBend Growth Association, Alton Main Street, and the Upper Alton Association. Jeff Dale provided an update on his energy savings by driving a Nissan Leaf.

There were no comments from the public.

Jeff Dale made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Adam Peipert. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:58 P.M.

The next meeting is November 3, 2015, at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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