



## **Sustainability Advisory Committee**

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### **SAC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MARCH 28, 2019**

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#### **ROLL CALL:**

Linda Goldstein, Chair  
Jenny Abeles  
Susan Buse  
Cindy Mense  
Tina Murtha  
Michelle Harris, Aldermanic Representative  
Joanne Boulton, Aldermanic Representative  
George Hettich, Clayton Century Foundation Liaison  
Jason Wilson, Clayton School District Representative

#### **ABSENT:**

Bill Chamberlin  
Sally Cohn

#### **CITY STAFF:**

Dale Houdeshell, Director of Public Works  
Daneen Schlereth, Recording Secretary

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- ❖ Meeting was called to order at 4:35pm; January minutes were approved.
  
- ❖ Linda introduced Marco Tipton, Ameren Community Development representative for Ameren's Renewable Energy Programs for Residential and Municipalities as our guest speaker for the meeting.

- Marco's background:
  - 7 years w/ Ameren
    - 5yrs. Customer Service
    - 2yrs. Energy Efficiency -Commercial & Industrial
- Ameren offers tools, tips and incentives focused on helping customers act to manage their use along with energy efficiency programs. These resources allow customers to save with efficiency improvements today.
- Ameren's Smart Energy plan includes more than 2,000 electric projects over the next five years to modernize Missouri's energy grid.
- 2009 – Energy Efficient Program
  - Offered – Small Business Energy Efficient Program
    - 80% capital cost
    - 100% for lighting
    - Commercial & Industrial lighting reimbursements
- In 2000 – Economic Incentive Development plan – 40% decrease
- In 2018 Ameren continued to:
  - Invest in Communities
  - Upgrade programs
  - Expanding solar & wind energy for communities
  - Missouri has rate caps for the next 5 years – rates were cut by 6% in August 2018 & wont change until April 2020.
- More than 2,000 infrastructure improvement projects across the state totaling \$5.3 billion in capital investments over the next five years, including approximately \$1 billion in electric investments in 2019.
- New smart grid sensors, switches and self-healing equipment to rapidly detect and isolate outages, aiming to reduce the number of outages and speeding power restoration when service interruptions occur.
- March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 – Refrigerator & Freezer Recycling Program – Ameren will pick up your old appliance and you receive a rebate of \$25. According to Ameren, recycling your old refrigerator, energystar.gov estimates that you can save more than \$700 on your energy bill over the next 5 years.
- Ameren offers Energy Efficiency Kits Programs that equips teachers with easy-to-incorporate materials, designed to help teach sixth graders about the exciting world of energy. Covering everything from how energy is harnessed to ways kids can be more energy-efficient, this hands-on program then helps kids continue their learning at home with an energy-saving product kit.

- Encouraging customers to purchase electric vehicles – no rebate offered at this time.
- [WWW.AmerenMissouri.com/SmartEnergyPlan](http://WWW.AmerenMissouri.com/SmartEnergyPlan) website provides information on the programs available.
- Ameren's Renewable Choice Wind program
- I have enclosed at the end of the minutes the handout Mr. Tipton distributed at the meeting.

## ❖ NEW BUSINESS

- Joanne wanted to have a general discussion regarding “car idling”
  - ✚ Sign on Wydown – “No Car Idling” – sign appears to be working.
  - ✚ Preventing Charter buses and cars from idling while waiting for pickups.
  - ✚ Car idling can lead to asthma attacks, lung disease, allergies, and even cancer.
  - ✚ City has an Ordinance against car idling - Section 215.775
  - ✚ A committee member suggested we look further into changing idling time in Ordinance.
  - ✚ Educate Community – get the kids involved.
  - ✚ Michelle asked for someone to do some more research and bring back to next meeting.
  - ✚ Jenny and Tina said they will do the research.
  
- Cindy gave updates on Biking in the Community
  - ✚ County Bike Day – May 17<sup>th</sup>
  - ✚ Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month – Bike to Work Day at various Kaldi's Coffee Shops.
  
- Cindy discussed new ideas for the city
  - ✚ Open Streets & Sunday Parkways
    - Every Sunday close a street to enjoy family biking, walking or running. Block party.
    - Suggested starting small to see the turnout.
    - If turnout is good – possibly shut down Forsyth to be able to connect to Forest Park. Would need to contact University City, and St. Louis City, along with St. Louis County about shutting off Big Bend and Skinker.
    - Supported by Trailnet

- Ideas of connecting City of Clayton streets that connect parks throughout the city.
- Different themes – Coffee Crawl, Park Ride
- ✚ Cindy was asked to bring a proposal to next meeting for recommendation to the Board.
- ✚ Michelle suggested she partner up with another city or Wash. U – it would be a great motivator with the Board.

❖ Next meeting scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>

❖ Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm