



**Green Initiatives Team
Meeting Minutes**

**May 4, 2015
6pm**

GIT and others in attendance: Alderman Kelly Russell, Phil LeBlanc, Emilee van Norden, Emily Hansroth, Tim Daniel, Loren Audette, Jenny Willoughby, Graham Hubbard, and Peter Brehm.

1. The GIT reviewed the five Earth Month activities: Earth Hour Star Party, Environmental Movie, Bike Tour, Trash Pickup, and Tree Tour. The GIT would like to move the Star Party to a different time of year and partner with other groups. The movie night will not be repeated. The Bike Tour had 26 riders and was a success so the GIT would like to repeat it next year. The trash pickup also was successful and will be repeated. The tree tour competed with other activities and will likely be offered at a different time of year to encourage more walkers.
2. Projects for GIT's focus:
 - a. Helping groups organize a swap meet or flea market where all items are offered for free to encourage recycling
 - b. Trash project—the group would like to organize field trips to the recycling center and perhaps the yard compost operation at Heritage Farm Park. The GIT would like to be part of a recycling and composting education and outreach effort for City residents.
 - c. Pet waste stations—the group was interested in pursuing funding to install pet waste stations in some common areas, such as HOAs.
3. Preliminary results of the Vision Fleet assessment were discussed.
 - a. Report still in draft form
 - b. A few vehicles in fleet are appropriate for replacement with electric vehicles (plug-in and battery).
4. Jenny W. applied for a State Farm Neighborhood Assistance Grant for \$25K for the homeowner tree project. We will know on May 14 if we made it to the top 200. Voting for the top projects begins on that day. Final award announcements will be in June.

5. No new topics were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned.