

EMG Excom meeting March 20, 2019

Excom members present: Ken Schechtman, Caitlin Zera, Glenn May and Tim Elwell

Non Excom members present: Caroline (Excom Sec), Paul Ohlendorf and Ross Hunt

1, approved minutes from February meeting

2 Consideration of Proposition S which will be on April ballot in St Louis City and parts of County (covered by MSD). Ross explained the principle is to tax on percentage of impervious surface. Tax rate is prorated and difference scale for residential and businesses. Moved by Caitlin, Glenn seconded to endorse Prop S. Unanimous approval. This has been approved earlier by EMG political committee.

Reminder to sign up for Lobby Day April 3.

3. General meeting planning - April meeting will have Ameren representative and legislative update. But our potential presenter, Bob Henkel, who would speak on recycling can't make May general meeting date. Glenn and Caroline will coordinate with Henry to see if speakers can switch months. Glenn will first check with Bob about his potential availability in April.

4. Caitlin has list of articles and photos to try to get for Sierra Scape. She and Caroline will try to get printed and ready at least for Earth Day event if not in mailboxes prior to ED.

5. Earth Day planning for information table and lemonade sales. Caroline will check with Jim to see how his plans are going. Caitlin will check with some of the volunteers from last year. We usually ask for 2 hrs stretches for volunteers. Content for table – develop closer to date. Look into possible merchandize and any new table materials from club. Should we invest in pull up banner with and local, contemporary content that we could use for Earth Day and afterward? Tim is willing to work on design etc. Ken moved that we authorize \$300 for banner with Tim to pursue it, Caitlin seconded. Approve unanimously.

6. Conservation -Caroline asked us to consider a contribution to River Soundings event this year, scheduled for June 26 at Forest Park Visitors center. Last year we donated \$1000. This year's program should be less costly due to lower speaker costs. Caroline will get more details on budget as it develops. Conservation Caitlin moved Tim seconded up to \$500 for River Soundings 2019.

Caroline reported that she attended recent meeting of One St Louis- Biodiversity STL which is a multi-county effort including local government, educators, scientists and community groups, NGOs etc. The Sierra Club has been a member of this group but not active. The organization's focus is on collaboration, sharing information, networking, identifying areas of most need, etc. It is not geared toward advocacy or legislation. Some of our activities, such as honeysuckle removal, native gardening and education clearly fit. Next meeting won't be until late Sept. 7.

7. next Excom meeting April 8, Tuesday