

Kansas City, MO Climate Protection Steering Committee (CPSC)
Online Meeting Via Microsoft Teams
January 23, 2023

CPSC Members Present: Robin Ganahl (Chair), Kristin Riott, Bo Moreno, Bill Griffith, Bridget Sanderson, Angela Crawford.

Absent CPSC member: Tom Grever.

Staff: Lara Isch, Marleny Flores, Matt McKinley, Rachel O'Neal, Kellie Herman, Regan Tokos, Consuella, McCain – OEQ.

Other Attendees: Jerry Shechter, Dan Wilkus, Jordynn Webster, Elizabeth Danforth, Theresa Garza, Shaylyn Dean, Kimberly Winslow, Thomas Neff, Karen Uhlenhuth, Allen Dillingham, Zac Sweets, Adam Rossi, Jason Klindt, Alejandra Frias Fraire, Jordynn Webster.

Introduction & Overview

Robin Ganahl opened the meeting at 3:30 pm with a brief welcome; A quorum was present at that time.

Approval of October 17, 2022, Minutes

* Bill Griffith made a motion, seconded by Bo Moreno, to approve the minutes of the meeting on October 17, 2022. The motion passed.

Introductions with Regan and Kellie

Kellie Herman and Regan Tokos introduced themselves and gave an overview of their previous experience.

Tree Preservation Ordinance (Kristin Riott)

The Tree Preservation Ordinance has not gone to the Planning Commission nor to Council, it is still in progress. The following link was shared as part of the background information of how and why the Tree Preservation Ordinance began to develop: Ordinance number 220961.

https://kcparks.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/KCMO-UFMP_Final.pdf

Ordinance Text: <https://clerk.kcmo.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5899570&GUID=71622630-0A78-4A2C-A5F1-BC362FF24F18&Options=ID|Text|&Search=220961>

The ordinance is due to go back in front of the Planning Commission on the morning of Tuesday, Feb. 07, 2023. This ordinance does not apply to residential properties. It applies to commercial and industrial development. Link provided above for reading/ viewing of ordinance.

Kristin Riott shared her email address (kristin.riott@bridgingthegap.org) for anyone that would like to contact her and provide support/ testimony on this tree ordinance on Feb. 07,2023. Examples/ descriptions were given of where the ordinance would apply.

* Robin Ganahl made a motion, seconded by Bill Griffith, to endorse the Tree Preservation Ordinance (220961) as is. The motion passed.

Building Performance Standards Draft Resolution

Lara Isch gave brief background information on the City's participation in the Building Performance Standards Coalition. A draft resolution was presented to the committee to direct the creation of a Building Performance Standards policy that is equitable to Kansas City. The goal is that this policy will later become an ordinance to address greenhouse gas emissions in our current building stock. The Benchmarking that the city does requires any building owner above 50,000 sq. feet to have to report their energy and water usage data to OEQ but doesn't require them to make energy improvements.

Consuella McCain gave a slideshow presentation explaining the Building Performance Standards Policy process for Kansas City- see attached.

* Robin Ganahl made a motion, seconded by Bridget Sanderson, to endorse the Building Performance Standards draft Resolution. The motion passed.

OEQ Update-

1. Solarize KC update/results:

- Solarize Kansas City- Enrollment ended in October 2022 with 657 signups for bids (estimates) program for residential, commercial, and nonprofits. December 2022 was the cut off to sign up for contracts. Based on the number we have just a little over 100 residential contracts in place.
- Share the Sun- The low- income component of Solarize Kansas City \$20,000.00 has been donated towards the program and the City is contributing \$150,000.00.
- A Request for Proposals was issued a couple of months ago for solar at the airport and the end date for submission has been extended to February 10,2023.
- Energy Code- The City adopted the 2021 IECC a few months ago, becoming the second City in the country to do so. Implementation of that is in July of 2023.
- Budget- Budget has been submitted to the City Manager. The committees will be kept updated with dates for community input process and are encouraged to participate in supporting as they see fit in the hearings.
- Streetlights- LED conversion has started. Lara Isch shared the following link to track the progress:
LED Map: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/736e907f32694bc19353aac3323a7ce3/>

2. Grant opportunities being pursued:

- ECGB funding- They City has a formula grant for Energy Efficiency Community Block Grants we are going to get about \$477,000 as of Jan. 18, 2023. Lara Isch will be meeting with the Mayor's office staff later this week to discuss priorities and other funding issues.

- IRA Updates: For homeowners began Jan. 01, 2023. Links shared:
https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2023-01/IIJA%20%2840552%29%20EECBG%20Program_Application%20Instructions.pdf

<https://himes.house.gov/cache/files/9/0/90c319bf-e2d5-4ccb-a5fc-009008ab7fa3/CA4ED41AF3577148294B021D364B62B4.inflation-reduction-act-ec.pdf>
- The City has two economic development grant proposals outstanding right now. One with Bridging the Gap to help with energy efficiency in small apartment buildings. The other is to help with energy efficiency for houses dealing with long term issues from COVID. We also received a technical assistance grant from The American Council for an Energy- Efficient Economy. We have a NSF Civics grant for trees with three other cities to figure out some of the barriers to implementing trees planting and maintenance. It is a Phase 1 national science foundation grant which is currently funded at \$50,000.00. In March we will be submitting our final grant for a million dollars that will be split between each city to help implementation.

3. Other: None

Public Comment-

Karen Uhlenhuth informed the committee that she was told by an unknown source that the community was not allowed to speak at a Planning Commission meeting. Also asked where this ordinance would apply as far as property references.

2023 Meeting Calendar

CPSC meetings to stay the same. Meetings are to be held on the third Monday of every month from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. Except for holidays when meeting will be moved/ rescheduled accordingly.

Next meeting will be on Monday February 27,2023 at 3:30pm due to President's Day.

New Business

Kimberly Winslow stated that Evergy has completed building a 10 megawatt solar array at the Hawthorn power plant. It is in service. Link shared: <https://www.evergy.com/smart-energy/renewable-resources-link/subscription-programs/solar-subscription-options/income-eligible-solar-subscription>

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.