



**Environmental Management Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes: February 08, 2023**  
**Meeting Location: Online via Microsoft Teams**

Commissioners present: Carol Adams (Chair), Marty Kraft, Scott Klamm, Caroline (Molly) Davies.

Commissioners Absent: Gloria Ortiz Fisher, Nathan Madden, Jensen Adams.

Staff: Andy Savastino, Marleny Flores, Lara Isch, Kellie Herman, Regan Tokos, Rachel O’Neal, Matthew McKinley– OEQ.

Guests: Matthew O'Malley, Don Wallace, Claus Wawrzinek, Shaylyn Dean, Theresa Garza, Lemartt Holman, Jim R Turner, Wes, Billy Davies.

- A. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm; A quorum was present at that time. Chair Carol Adams welcomed commissioners, staff, and guests.
- B. \* Minutes – Caroline (Molly) Davies made a motion, seconded by Scott Klamm, to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 18, 2023. The motion passed.
- C. Vicinity Energy Sustainability Plan
  - Power point presentation given by Matthew O'Malley: see attached.
- D. EMC Appointments Update
  - Don Wallace from Sierra Club stated that they received a response letter from the Mayor regarding the EMC appointments deficiency.
  - A list of names will be resent to the Mayor’s staff for consideration.
- E. Tree Preservation ordinance update
  - Ordinance got held/ postponed for two weeks.
  - Carol Adams and Andy Savastino gave an overview of what was said during the hearing for Tree Preservation that took place before the EMC meeting.
- F. Energy code update
  - Andy Savastino attended the hearing that took place in Jefferson City, MO.
  - At the state level Bill 580 was introduced several weeks ago. In which the state was looking to preempt the City’s Energy Code (IECC 2021), rolling it back to a 2009 code.
  - Affordability was the primarily concern during the hearing of the Energy Code in Jefferson City. The Committee met today and there was no movement on that bill. The committee will meet again next week and discuss the bill further and decide if they want to vote on it.
  - Billy Davies also attended the hearing that took place in Jefferson City, MO and gave a summary of what he understood, and his thoughts about what was said at the hearing. Billy Davis shared the following link:

G. Office of Environmental Quality Report-

- Regan Tokos has been working hard on our Benchmarking program and annual report. The annual report will be available for distribution in a couple of weeks. A question was asked; are we fining people who are not complying with the Benchmarking program? Response was No, we are not at that point/ position just yet. There is still some more work that need to be done to enforce fines.
- Kellie Herman is still working on the composting project at City Hall. When composting in City Hall is up and running will Kellie Herman be able to come out to other businesses/ institutions to do demonstrations? Response was yes.
- The City Manager is presenting the budget for the next fiscal year to council tomorrow at 2pm. OEQ has asked for two positions to help support the implementation of the CPRP and additional funding as well. Everyone is encouraged to attend the budget hearings, schedule for the meetings has been posted on the City's website.
- Lara Isch has been working with the Mayor's office staff and others through out the city's organization looking for dollars. Various grant opportunities are being monitored closely.
- The new terminal at the airport will be opening up by the end of this month. The RFP for solar at the airport is also due at the end of this month.
- Solarize KC- Focusing on the low-income homes, looking into applicants that applied to that program.

H. Liaison Report- None

I. Old Business- None

J. New Business-

- Conflict of interest forms were sent out to commissioners and need to be returned to the City Clerk's office by May 01, 2023.

K. Remarks from Visitors-

- Marty Kraft asked for on updated on the Nuisance code. Response, a draft is being worked on. Draft is not ready to be shared with other, awaiting results of the Tree Preservation & Protection ordinance for further process.
- Marty Kraft shared that he is doing a biochar burn at the Frames and Friends at cultivate Kansas City this Saturday.
- Billy Davies shared how he feels about the Tree ordinance and how it ties in the CPRP. Would like to see more efforts in informing and including all committees at the same time to discuss city projects/ goals on implementing the CPRP.

The next EMC meeting is:   DATE: March 08, 2023  
  TIME: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
  PLACE: TBD

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.