



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

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

Commissioners Absent: Gloria Ortiz Fisher, Jensen Adams.

Staff: Andy Savastino, Marleny Flores, Lara Isch, Kellie Herman, Regan Tokos, Rachel O’Neal– OEQ, Bailey Waters- PW

Guests: Don Wallace, Jim R Turner, Wes, Billy Davies, Bridget Sanderson.

- 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 – Scott Klamm made a motion, seconded by Marty Kraft, to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 08, 2023. The motion passed.
- C. Truman Road Bike Lane Update- Bailey Waters from Public Works- see attached power point presentation.
- D. FY24 Budget Discussion- OEQ requested two positions in the Decision Packet for this budget year. OEQ did not get the positions requested. LED street light project is getting funded. Five positions in City planning are not being funded. Additional Tree Canopy is getting funded and given to NHD. Trash carts, recycling carts, and bulky items are getting more funding. KCI is getting funding for seven electric buses. The Equity office will be getting four full-time positions. EMC to submit a letter of support for OEQ budget requests.
- E. Energy code update- House bill 580 was introduced back in January 2023. The bill did pass out of committee, has not gone to the full house. The city will start talking amongst the senators to try to stop this bill at the senate level. The city is still working on the details of the 2021 energy code with the plan of having it ready to go by July 2023.

Billy Davies- Shared with the committee his concern on the approval of the house bill 5080. Offered to help with any initiative in Jefferson City.
- F. Tree Preservation & Protection Update- A lot of components to the original ordinance have been removed or modified. Concessions are being made to the developers on that ordinance. A committee substitute took place and the committee decided not to act in the

ordinance. Andy Savastino will monitor the status of this ordinance and will keep the EMC updated.

G. Resolution No.230161 Update- Landfill being proposed in south Kansas City by a private developer. The full council approved the resolution. The council opposes the establishment of the landfill or any transport facilities in that location currently. Directs City Manager and City staff to do a needs assessment to see if we need a landfill. There is a 6-month window to do the assessment.

H. Office of Environmental Quality Report-

- Environmental Achievement Awards- Lara Isch will update the criteria section in the nomination form.
- ACEEE Grant- Lara Isch- ACEEE is working on a report of their findings to help us produce a plan that makes it easier for residents to make their homes energy efficient.
- Dashboard is being worked on for transparency in the process of the implementation of the CPRP.
- Joined the Midwest Building Decarbonization Coalition.
- Resolution 181000- We need to have a certain amount City facilities Energy star certified.
- NFL Green- Doing a project or two here in Kansas City
- Kellie Herman is still working on the composting project.
- KCI airport got LEED certified Gold.

I. Liaison Report- None

J. Old Business-

- EMC appointments- No current updates
- Commissioners to complete conflict of interest forms

K. New Business- None

L. Remarks from Visitors-

- Billy Davies- Shared his concern of things not being done in our city. Encouraging everyone to act and continue communicating to keep Kansas City moving forward.
- Bridget Sanderson- Asked if there is a way to priorities certain funding grants with all the short staffing and budget outcome not being what was expected?
 - Andy Savastino responded by informing the committee that the city does have grant writers now that are helping with that.

The next EMC meeting is: DATE: April 12, 2023
 TIME: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
 PLACE: TBD

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.