

Environmental Management Commission

Meeting Minutes: April 12, 2023

Meeting Location: Online via Microsoft Teams

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff: Andy Savastino, Marleny Flores, Lara Isch, Kellie Herman, Regan Tokos, Rachel O'Neal, Kacey Eis – OEQ; Andrew Bonkowski – Law.

Guests: Maddie Herman, Jabbar Wesley.

- 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 Gloria Ortiz Fisher, to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 08, 2023. The motion passed.
- C. Governance Risk Assessment Checklist 2023- Discussion and review of governance risk assessment took place.
- D. EMC Annual Report- Committee will wait on submitting annual report until the new council members start their term.
- E. Office of Environmental Quality Report-
 - OEQ has several positions available and posted for candidates to apply.
 - o Sustainability Manager
 - o Environmental Officer
 - Natural System position
 - Homes and building position
 - o Senior Environmental Officer
 - Earth Day coming up
 - Kellie Herman is hosting a roll out event for composting. Encouraged everyone to participate in the Nature Challenge taking place from April 28- May 2nd, 2023. As well as the Greater Kansas City Clean up, April 21-23, 2023.
 - Introduction of Kacey Eis- Cookingham Noll Fellow
 - Kacey Eis mentioned doing a special action for legislative on April 20th. Possible sponsor is Councilwoman Bough. The special action is to recognize Kellie Herman, green teams, and others that have been working on the composing project.
 - Tree Preservation and Protection Ordinance passed.

- Energy Code will go into effect on October 3, 2023
- Proposals for solar power at the airport are being reviewed.
- Solarized campaign numbers: 97 residential contracts and 1 commercial customer. 40% completed installations. Low-income program- applications are being reviewed.
- State sales tax holiday- Energy Star appliances are exempt from sales tax.
- F. Liaison Report- Carol Adams shared details of a conversation she had at the Air Quality meeting with Richard Roche a former commissioner who works for Bayer.
- G. Old Business- Conflict of interest forms need to be completed and turned in to the City Clerk.
- H. New Business- None

I. Remarks from Visitors- Maddie Herman would like to interview a committee member on how they became part of the committee. Carol Adams requested interview questions be sent to her via email.

The next EMC meeting is: DATE: May 10, 2023

TIME: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

PLACE: TBD

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.