

**Environmental Management Commission
Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2008**

Meeting Location: Mid-America Regional Council, 2nd Floor, Westview Room

Attendance

Commissioners present: Carol Adams, Amy Bhesania, Faith Brennan, Linda Clark, Dustin Jensen, Marty Kraft, Donovan Mouton, Richard Rocha, Rachel Treanor, John Ware

Staff: Dennis Murphey & Jerry Shechter – Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ); Matt Gigliotti – Law Department; Terry Leeds and Scott Cahail – Water Services Department; John Franklin – Assistant City Manager

Guests: Kevin Chafin – Bridging The Gap
Ron McLinden, Regional Transit Alliance
Taylor Haines, GKC Chamber of Commerce – Potential Commissioner

Carol Adams, Co-Chair, opened the meeting at 4:05 pm; A quorum was present

- A. Carol Adams welcomed all Commissioners, staff and guests and asked everyone to introduce themselves
- B. Approval of the minutes – Amy Bhesania made a motion, seconded by Faith Brennan, to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 9, 2008. The motion passed.
- C. Review of Plans/EMC Positions – Carol Adams
 1. Overflow Control Plan (OCP) – Carol Adams provided the EMC a summary of the OCP; Terry Leeds, Water Services, provided some background information and two maps: (1) where overflow events occur, and (2) recommended improvements. The summary was reviewed and discussed. Comments and questions included:
 - How best to involve the public
 - How best to involve technical resource people
 - Inclusion of actions on private property for green solutions to be effective
 - Need for an education plan to include individual property owners and developers

John Franklin, Assistant City Manager and Acting Director of Water Services, spoke to the EMC noting a “Sustainability Workshop”, specifically for City department directors and selected staff, is being planned. The workshop is planned for June 2-3, 2008 as a retreat focused on implementation of Administrative Regulation (AR) 5-5 (Green Solutions Team), which is a City government commitment to transforming the way it will do business into the future and the need for a transformation in thinking internally. There will be five discreet break-out areas: water, energy, purchasing, codes, permits and plans, and capital projects. We will look to celebrate internal successes and to break down silos between departments such that everything is done with a multi-disciplinary approach to achieve multiple benefits.

Carol Adams then presented a draft, for discussion, of suggested comments the EMC might send to the Mayor and City Council concerning the OCP. After much discussion about form and content, John Ware made a motion, seconded by Donovan Mouton, to authorize the Co-Chair to integrate the language clarifications and changes into the letter and to send it to the Mayor and City Council. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Stream Setback Ordinance – Discussion was deferred to the June 11, 2008 meeting.

D. Liaison Updates and Reports

1. Dennis Murphey reported on implementation of AR 5-5 sharing with the EMC Resolution #080246 requiring new ordinance requests to include an answer to the question: "How will this contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?". Along with the resolution is a worksheet for completing the ordinance fact sheet to comply with Resolution No. 080246. There was general discussion resulting in a request to remove the reference to "Operational Issues" from point 4 of the worksheet. The EMC was supportive of the resolution and the worksheet and asked Dennis to provide an update once the process has been implemented.
2. Dennis Murphey noted the Climate Protection Plan (CPP) Steering Committee will next meet on May 28, 2008, from 3 pm to 5 pm, at the Plaza Library. At this time, they will receive the Phase 2 consensus recommendations of the CPP work groups and consider adoption of these recommendations and a community-wide goal for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. It is expected that Phase 2 of the CPP will be complete by the end of June for presentation to the Mayor and City Council.
3. Dennis reported that the City is engaged in planning for potential use of vacant lots for mini tree farms. Marty Kraft asked that there be consideration given to food on lots as well.
4. Carol Adams reported on the most recent Air Quality Forum including definition of the ozone non-attainment area (which will continue to include all of KC,MO) under the new standard, a grant program to reduce diesel emission from trash haulers and CMAQ grant applications. KC, MO has received CMAQ funding for: (1) CNG-fueled heavy trucks, (2) traffic signal synchronization, (3) Bike/Ped connections to the new Paseo Bridge, (4) other bike/ped trail connections and amenities, and (5) reduced bus fares on ozone alert days.
5. Wet Weather Community Panel – No report
6. Solid Waste Management District – No report

E. Calendar Items

1. OCP hearings have been scheduled on May 15th - north of the river, May 22nd - mid-town, and May 28th - South Kansas City
2. Climate Conference in St. Louis.
3. Regional Transit Alliance annual meeting will be held on May 21, 2008 at the KC-ATA Body Shop on 18th and Forest.

F. EMC Annual Retreat –

1. Dustin, John and Jim will provide retreat follow-up recommendations at the meeting of June 11, 2008.
2. Matt Gigliotti will prepare recommendations regarding the EMC ordinance and EMC quorum requirements as defined in our standing rules to be considered on June 11, 2008.

G. New Business - None

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for

Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Time: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Place: MARC – 2nd Floor, Westview Room

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.