



Environmental Management Commission

Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2011

Meeting Location: Mid-America Regional Council – 600 Broadway

Commissioners present: Carol Adams, Bob Berkebile, Linda Clark, Molly Davies, Scott Jones, Marty Kraft, Camealia Murray, Jack Schrimsher, Jim Scott

Staff: Dennis Murphey, Andy Savastino, Jerry Shechter – OEQ, Joe Guarino – Law Dept.

Guests: Elizabeth Fischer

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

A. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed commissioners, staff and guests to the EMC meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.

B. Minutes of March 16, 2011 – Bob Berkebile made a motion, seconded by Camealia Murray, to adopt the minutes as written. The motion passed.

C. Office of Environmental Quality – Dennis Murphey

1. News Release – 4/12/11 – By Ordinance #110235, City Council adopted revised construction standards for City projects of LEED-Gold. This modification makes Kansas City one of just three cities in the USA that has formally adopted this level of building standards for its own construction projects.
2. The State of Missouri ShowMe Green Sales Tax Holiday is April 19-25, 2011. KCMo, Cass County are participating with the State in support of sales of Energy Star labeled appliances.
3. Hospital Hill Run, the oldest in KC, will be run June 4, 2011. Dennis has been working with event planners, in Chicago, to make this the premiere green running event in the country. The City will provide a CNG powered vehicle as the lead vehicle. There will be a Greenability Magazine article which also will post the official schedule. Ten City employees will get free entry fees. All paper cups used in the race will be compostable.
4. The Mayor and Council-elect will have a get acquainted dinner. The first week in June, the issue of sustainability will be the main topic at the Business Session leading to a strategy session in mid-June.
5. Andy Savastino –
 - a. KC Green Initiative – There are several working teams including education and outreach. The education and outreach team will host a live, online Arbor Day event which is open to the public. There will be incentives for participants. The team will host a booth at the Home Show at which event a number of giveaways will be available including the KC Green reusable shopping bag.
6. City Council has approved \$4.5 million for the Middle Blue River Basin pilot project.

D. Liaison Updates

1. Air Quality Forum – Carol Adams – The forum took action on the Clean Air Action Plan update which has specific sustainability recommendations and promotes bike/ped/transit friendly options with goals for 2013, 2015, and 2020. Some of the elements included are: increasing the number of bike/ped trips, establishing an urban car sharing program, increase complete streets policy targets, policies for native, sustainable landscaping protection and pervious pavement use, reduction of mowable acreage, promotion of sustainable site design and adoption of IECC 2012 Energy code standards, and energy efficiency incentives for consumers. The plan is posted online .
2. Solid Waste – No report

E. Mayoral membership appointments – Carol Adams

Gap strategy – Communicate the “who, what, why”, etc of the EMC. Carol will draft a letter for EMC review to include an informational piece on the EMC, activities and accomplishments, courtesy resignation letter sample, and other items. Each Commissioner is asked to send a copy of their resume and a courtesy resignation letter to

Jerry Shechter to assist in compiling a package to be delivered to the Mayor. There was extensive general discussion about each proposed piece of the package.

- F. 2011 Environmental Achievement Awards – It is the time of year to plan for the Annual Environmental Achievement Awards. Andy Savastino made a short presentation and asked for a small group to help with reviewing the nominations and making recommendations to the EMC. Jack Schrimsher and Linda Clark volunteered.
- G. Old Business - None
- H. New Business None
- I. Remarks and Announcements – None

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2011 at MARC at 4:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm