



## **Environmental Management Commission**

### **Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2011**

Meeting Location: Mid-America Regional Council – 600 Broadway

Commissioners present: Carol Adams, Jensen Adams, Linda Clark, Molly Davies, Scott Jones, Marty Kraft, Camealia Murray, Rachel Norton, Jim Scott, Jim van Eman

Staff: Dennis Murphey, Andy Savastino, Jerry Shechter – OEQ, Matt Gigliotti – Law Dept., Scott Cahail – Water Services Department

Guests: Stacia Stelk – Ripple Glass, Ron McLinden - RTA, Sadie Gardner - BTG, Elizabeth Fischer; Nick Hawkins; Lisa Linville, Gabe Kimbrough, Noah Boucher, and Michael Linville Grenovich – Boy Scouts

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 April 13, 2011 and May 11, 2011 – Scott Jones made a motion, seconded by Camealia Murray, to approve the minutes of April and May, 2011 as amended. The motion passed.

#### C. Ripple Glass – Stacia Stelk

Ms. Stelk, CEO of Ripple Glass, asked for a letter of support from the EMC to place a glass recycling bin at Zona Rosa in Central Platte County. Ms. Stelk explained that bin placement north of the river has been a challenge and she would like store managers to know that there is community support for glass recycling bins. Linda Clark made a suggestion to talk with the Platte County EDC. Carol Adams presented a draft letter of support for EMC review. Following general discussion, Jensen Adams made a motion, seconded by Jim van Eman, to empower Carol Adams to rework the letter of support focusing on existing City position and policy and authorizing the Chair to send the letter. The motion passed.

#### D. Environmental Achievement Awards – Rachel Norton

The awards event will be held in the Boardroom at MARC at the regularly scheduled meeting of July, 2011. Mayor James' staff has confirmed his attendance. Dennis Murphey will mention the event at the Council Business Session. The EMC was presented the results of discussion of the applications at the last meeting in order to formalize the results. It was recommended there be six awards made:

##### 1. Big impact

- a. Energy Conservation Project 1 by Facilities Management of General Services
- b. Increases in alternative fuel vehicles – Fleet Management of General Services
- c. Achievement of the Bronze Award for Bicycle/Pedestrian support

##### 2. Smaller impact but innovative

- a. Forestry and Conservation Environmental Education Program of Parks and Recreation at Lakeside Nature Center
- b. Birmingham Farms Solar Powered Gates – Parks & Recreation
- c. Community Garden by staff at Aviation Department

Jensen Adams made a motion, seconded by Scott Jones, to present awards to the six noted projects. The motion was approved.

#### E. Office of Environmental Quality – Dennis Murphey

1. Staff is working to put together a presentation for the Council Business Session on June 16, 2011. This will be an extended session beginning at 12:40 pm on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor. There will be four detail, big picture presenters – Bob Berkebile, Carol Adams, Joanne Collins and Carol Gimaldi. Staff will follow with various presentations

about various programs. The focus is to set the stage to help inform the Mayor and City Council on how best to address their strategic focus on sustainability.

2. The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Hospital Hill Run was held June 4, 2011. The City worked with the event planners to make it a premier green running event featuring local foods, composting of food waste, green printing, recycling, etc. Staff is working on a Council resolution for the event. There was an article in the May/June issue of Greenability Magazine. Jensen Adams suggested someone (students?) should do a carbon footprint of the event and that this approach should eventually be tied to permitting. Linda Clark suggested now is the best time to begin that process for next year.
3. Last week there was the grand re-opening of the Deramus Recycling Center which was attended by the Mayor but not by media.
4. Staff met last week with representatives of the National League of Cities regarding a sustainability research center in Kansas City.
5. Last Friday, Bad Seed Farmer's Market received an award from the Missouri Department of Agriculture as the 2011 Market of Year.
6. A grant application for \$20,000 was submitted to the Urban Sustainability Directors' Network, in collaboration with Columbia and St. Louis, for urban agriculture. The grant will help pay for the University of Missouri Extension to develop an urban agriculture toolkit. Scott Cahail asked that, in development of the toolkit, access to water is kept in mind.

F. Liaison Updates - None

G. Old Business

1. Carol Adams got an e-mail re the boards and commissions appointment process indicating that people should use the online form on the City's website. Jerry was asked to send a reminder to current commissioners and to those expressing an interest in being appointed.
2. For the annual Environmental Achievement Awards, there is no source of funds for refreshments. Each Commissioner is asked to consider contributing to a pot luck.

H. New Business

1. Marty Kraft – State Representative Jason Holsman is intending to ask the EMC, at an appropriate time in the near future, for support for issues to be heard before the Joint Committee on Urban Agriculture. Specifics will come later.
2. Michael Abelman will be at the downtown Library Wednesday, June 15, 2011 to talk about urban agriculture in California.
3. Composting issue – There is the possibility of some type of chemical contamination in composting from treated lawns. Many of the chemicals put on lawns do not break down even with composting heat and this creates a problem for end users. It was suggested that this be referred to the State's Joint Committee on Urban Agriculture.

I. Remarks and Announcements

1. Ron McLinden suggested that, given the movement toward sustainability of the Hospital Hill run, it would be appropriate to extend the thinking about sustainability and to include transportation of runners to and from the event and encourage the use of public transportation.
2. Ron McLinden – The City, MARC, ATA and Jackson are working on two different transportation studies including the downtown corridor. The first meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2011 at the Downtown Library from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

The next monthly meeting – the Environmental Achievement Awards - is scheduled for July 13, 2011 at MARC at 4:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm