



Environmental Management Commission

Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2014

Meeting Location: Mid-America Regional Council

Commissioners present: Carol Adams, Jensen Adams, Tom Brink, Julie Davis, Jim Hansen, Marty Kraft, Ken Kramme, Jack Schrimsher

Commissioners Absent: Bob Berkebile, Lance Conley, Maria Coppock, Caroline Davies, Sal Madge, Robin Martinez, Tom Wyrsh

Staff: Dennis Murphey, Jerry Shechter, Matt Gigliotti – Law Dept; Eric Bosch – City Architect

Guests: Rachel Guthrie – Stinson Leonard Street; JC Alonzo – Shockey Consulting; Eric Bosch – KCMO City Architect; Jeff Blaesing - JE Dunn/Alexander; Michael Heule – Helix Architecture; Steff Hedenkamp – Parsons Communications; Lee Rafferty – KCPD; Chris Hernandez – KCMO Corporate Communications

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm; a quorum was not present

- A. Welcome and Introductions - The Chair welcomed commissioners, staff and guests
- B. Minutes – No vote was taken because there was not a quorum present. Deferred to next meeting
- C. East Patrol Division Redevelopment Update – Eric Bosch and other guests
The project is in construction phase with three packages of work. Site preparation was completed as was demolition, deconstruction and preliminary utility work. Contracts are being awarded to over 20 contractors and sub-contractors. During the demolition/deconstruction process, the team found a way to recycle cut down trees, to have them milled and to sell the lumber.

Jeff Blaesing, Sr. Project Manager indicated that, through value engineering, the current projected cost over-run has been reduced to within about \$100,000 of the original budget and MBE-WBE-Sec. 3 targets are being met or exceeded. This value engineering has, however, put LEED-Gold certification potential in jeopardy and there is no more “fluff” in available points. A lot of neighborhood people have maintained a high level of interest in the project. They expect foundations to begin to be poured in 3-5 weeks and hope to have enclosed structures by the winter. The buildings are being prepared for future application of solar arrays. Communication is to go through Chris Hernandez.
- D. Envision Rating System – JC Alonzo
The Envision system is for infrastructure projects. Cindy Circo may be the only local elected official who has been certified in this rating system which is designed to enable better choices for what is referred to as horizontal construction. (LEED system is for buildings – which are vertical). There are two components to the rating system. With regard to the environmental ratings, Missouri is currently rated at about a “c” level as is Kansas (as is detailed on the ASCE website). Infrastructure is changing; this system addresses the triple bottom line of sustainability and requires a long-term perspective.

Tools are available at www.sustainableinfrastructure.com and are currently free. There are tools to address: energy, water, waste, transportation, landscape, and information technology. The system internally encompasses five general categories – quality of life, leadership, resource allocation, the natural world, and climate and risk. These tools are not designed for direct decision-making but as a guide. It was suggested the EMC could work with City departments to get people certified in application of the tool and to encourage use of the tool. It was suggested the tool should be viewed as a best management practice. A copy of the presentation will be made available to the EMC.

E. Sustainable and Beneficial Uses of Vacant Lots – No report

F. Office of Environmental Quality – Dennis Murphey

1. City Energy Project - The City Energy Project (CEP) Advisory Committee met at the Kauffman Foundation at which time the committee was told the IMT technical advisory position was currently being filled.
2. The first environmental conference was held in Overland Park on April 33-4, 2014. The conference was well attended.
3. Dennis made a presentation at UMKC to the Molly Davies/Daniel Dermitzel class regarding sustainable activities.
4. The greenhouse gas inventory update is in process and moving forward unexpectedly well. The utility companies, including Water Services, are providing data quickly.
5. The Environmental Achievement Awards application is now out and available.
6. The Missouri Show-Me Green Sales Tax Holiday, in which KCMO is participating, is April 19-24, 2014.

G. Liaison Updates –

1. City Energy Project – Tom Brink – The CEP Advisory Committee met at the Kauffman Foundation with good public participation. Tom Corso, MC Realty, and Brad Nies, GSA, both made presentations about benchmarking and subsequent implementation of energy efficiency improvements to their facilities.
2. Air Quality Forum – The citizen survey results were similar to those of the last few years. Although people indicated they are aware of the issues, few indicated use of public transit.
3. LEED – Eric Bosch indicated that a meeting date and time has not yet been set. He will work on setting consistent, quarterly meetings. The committee will work on establishing guidelines for future projects.

H. Old Business – None

I. New Business –

- a. There are now two EMC vacancies to be filled; One commissioner (a third position) has had health problems and has been unable to attend.
- b. Dr. Vandana Shiva will be KC next week and will speak on the Plaza Thursday the 17th from 7 pm to 9 pm.

J. Remarks - None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2014 at 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Mid-America Regional Council
600 Broadway – 2nd floor - Westview Room