



## **Environmental Management Commission**

### **Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2016**

Meeting Location: MARC, Westview Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 600 Broadway, KCMO

Commissioners present: Jensen Adams, Gloria Ortiz Fisher, Rachel Guthrie, Seft Hunter, Julie Koppen, Marty Kraft, Robin Martinez, DJ Pierre, Ben Proffer

Commissioners Absent: Carol Adams, Bob Berkebile, Caroline (Molly) Davies, Jim Hansen, Kimberly Hill, Jack Schrimsher, Emily Truebner

Staff: Dennis Murphey & Andy Savastino, OEQ

Guests: Gretchen Waddell Barwick, Sierra Club

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm; a quorum was achieved

- A. Welcome and Introductions – Commissioner Guthrie (substituting for co-chair Carol Adams & Bob Berkebile who were not able to attend) welcomed commissioners, staff, and guests who introduced themselves.
- B. There was no Solid Waste Report.
- C. Retreat Priorities
  1. Water – Commissioner Martinez attended the One Water Leadership Conference in Atlanta, in addition to approx. 35 people from the KC metro area (KCMO Water Services; Johnson County, KS; local engineering firms; & non-profits). There were several interesting sessions, including a focus on equity, social issues, & environmental justice. It was noted that \$1.3 trillion is needed nationwide for water & wastewater infrastructure projects. There were additional sessions on the water crisis in Flint, MI and green infrastructure work in Philadelphia.
  2. Education – Commissioner Adams stated that the next meeting of the EMC’s education group will be on July 22, 4:00 pm at Winstead’s at the Plaza.
- D. Liaison Reports
  1. Air Quality – Dennis Murphey – a presentation was made at the July 12 Air Quality Forum meeting re KCMO’s participation in KCP&L’s Strategic Energy Management program to improve energy efficiency of municipal buildings and other energy activities underway in KCMO.
  2. LEED – no report
  3. City Energy Project – Commissioner Adams reported that the next meeting of the City Energy Project Advisory Committee will be on Friday August 12. Dennis Murphey indicated that a) IMT is planning to announce CEP Round 2 cities in the near future, b) several trainings sessions re how to comply with the City’s Energy Empowerment Ordinance are upcoming, and c) a longevity plan has been developed for a new energy resource center to continue after KC’s CEP project ends in Spring 2017.
  4. Solid Waste Planning – Dennis Murphey reported that presentations were made at the MARC Solid Waste Management District’s meeting re current SWMD grant-funded projects.
  5. Climate Protection Steering Committee – Dennis Murphey reported that the next CPSC meeting will be on Sept 9 at 3:00 pm in the 10<sup>th</sup> floor committee room of City Hall.
  6. Vacant lots – Commissioner Martinez stated that the EMC’s recommendations in its report on vacant lots meshes well with some of the work on the Greater KC Chamber of Commerce’s Urban Neighborhood Initiative (one their “Big 5” initiatives).
  7. Health Commission – Commissioner Hunter reported that the KCMO Health Department is looking at the issue of increasing life expectancy, with a particular emphasis upon areas of the City where life expectancy is significantly lower than other areas of the City.
  8. Water Cost of Service Task Force – Commissioner Martinez reported that the work to date has mostly been informational sessions. The June 14 meeting focused on the storm water utility. KCMO rates are very low compared to other cities & increases in fees will likely be necessary.

