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**Environmental Management Commission**

**Meeting Minutes February 12, 2020**

Meeting Location: Health Department, 2400 Troost Ave, KCMO

Commissioners present: Carol Adams, Bob Berkebile, Michael Kelley, Scott Klamm, Julie Koppen, Marty Kraft, Nathan Madden, DJ Pierre, Ben Proffer, Caroline Davis

Commissioners Absent: D. Jensen Adams, Gloria Ortiz Fisher, Kimberly Hill, Margarethe (Meggie) Mapes, Joseph Nickels, Erika O'Shea, Nacente Seabury

Staff: Andy Savastino, Rachel Willis, Lara Isch– OEQ; Eluard Alegre –Law

Guests: Jim Turner, Don Wallace, Claus Wawrzinek, Billy Davies – Sierra Club; Emily Wolf – Metrop0olitan Energy Center

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm; A quorum was present at 4:19pm. Co-chair Carol Adams welcomed commissioners, staff and guests. Everyone introduced themselves.
2. Minutes – DJ Pierre made a motion, seconded by Michael Kelley, to approve, as presented, the minutes of the meeting of January 2019. The motion passed.
3. Adoption of 2018 Energy Codes – Andy Savastino

Update: Last months meetings with Greg Franzen went well overall. The last meeting was to discuss the next steps and Andy mentioned that Greg was feeling hesitant to bring the 2018 version of the Energy Code to council without some compromises due to pressure from his director. During the meetings with Andy it was brought up that he may want more specific language and Andy encouraged the group to send comments and/or more data to Greg to help him make a decision. It was brought up that Greg does not want to wait for the 2021 plan and one main point of push back is the requirement for 6” thick walls. Bob asked if have an “R” rating would be a good idea but after discussion the Carol proposed that bringing the 2018 version to council unamended was best. Committee voted all in favor. Next reiteration is expected mid-March.

1. Policy recommendations work group report – Michael Kelley

Michael Kelley presented an updated powerpoint; the format is to highlight shortcomings and opportunities. Emphasis areas were detailed; These include: housing, transportation, communications, fiscal policy, resource management, energy use, food systems and green space, and emergency preparedness. Scott Klamm explained microgrids. Bob Berkebile suggested that we use the term “regenerative” rather than “sustainable” as the central concept. It is projected the presentation/report be completed for use in April, 2020. Michael asked that any comments be sent to him by **March 5, 2020**.

1. Proposed City Resolution #200005
   * The new resolution sets goals for municipal facilities as well as community goals.
   * The plan resets the baseline.
   * Michael suggested that walking and biking be added to #5, adding an aspect on safety, and the section on green infrastructure should be expanded.
   * Lara mentioned that this plan does not have a lot of prescriptive goals. The new plan will include more qualitative instead of quantitative goals. Developing sectors within the community is an idea along with hiring a national consultant to help plan and implement.
   * During this discussion Billy Davies with Sierra Club mentioned that a new “Green Deal for Kansas City” has been created and also sets city emissions goals and includes equity language. This resolution was in collaboration with Sunrise, the NRDC and the Sierra club but not the Office of Environmental Quality.
   * Michael proposed a motion that Resolution No. 200005 include equity language in the new draft, but a quorum was no longer present.
   * Scott suggested that land management and carbon sequestration be added to #5. Bob added that if choosing between sustainable or regenerative, we should always choose regenerative.

1. OEQ Report – Andy Savastino
   1. Andy said the annual Show Me Green Tax holiday has been approved.
   2. The Green Tree Masterplan has turned into an ordinance.
   3. Climate action workshops as well as the annual summit are coming up.
   4. Lara Isch is the contact for the environmental achievement awards.
   5. The new city architect is on board with the LEEDS standards and is committed to certification.
   6. Staff is getting ready to begin the 2018 GHG Inventory Update, focusing in municipal operations in greater department by department detail. It is hoped the update can be completed by May.
   7. City budget hearings are coming up.
   8. The Energy Empowerment Program is up and running.
2. Council Committee Monitoring Reports –
3. Transportation, Infrastructure & Operations – Carol Adams, Michael Kelley, Bob Berkebile (as an advisor) – No report
4. Finance, Governance & Public Safety – Jensen Adams, Ben Proffer, Meggie Mapes – No report
5. Neighborhood Planning & Development – Molly Davies – No report
6. Special Committee on Housing – DJ Pierre, Meggie Mapes, Bob Berkebile (advisor)

DJ announced that this committee is approving money for the nexus study, which has been recommended. $100,000 will be for a private consult.

1. Business Session – Ben Proffer – No report
2. Liaison Updates

Air Quality Forum – Carol Adams stated that both MO and KS have proposed to rescind the low RVP fuel rules for Kansas City’s ozone seasons. Data provided with the assistance of the ethanol industry shows that fleet turn-over has reduced the emissions the rules address. The data is based on accepted methods for estimating emissions, but Air Quality Forum members are uneasy about rescinding the rules because Kansas City’s measured ozone levels remain close to the national standard and it would be hard to reinstate the rules.

* 1. Transportation 2050 Plan – No report
  2. LEED Standards Committee – Joe Nickels – No report
  3. Education – Jensen Adams – No report
  4. Waste Management District – No report
  5. MARC Sustainable Policy Committee – No report
  6. Climate Protection Steering Committee (CPSC) – Bob Berkebile – No report
  7. Volker Hub – Molly Davies, Scott Klamm – No report

1. Old Business

Michael Kelley thanked the group for letters of support regarding the bike program.

1. New Business

Students have planed a climate strike for Earth Day.

1. Remarks from Visitors

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| The next EMC meeting is: | DATE: Wednesday, March 11, 2020  TIME: 4:00 pm  PLACE: KCMO Health Department  2400 Troost; 4th Floor, Suite 4600 |
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The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm