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**Environmental Management Commission**

**Meeting Minutes March 11, 2020**

Meeting Location: Health Department, 2400 Troost Ave, KCMO

Commissioners present: Carol Adams, Michael Kelley, Scott Klamm, Marty Kraft, Nathan Madden, Ben Proffer, Gloria Ortiz Fisher.

Commissioners Absent: Bob Berkebile, Julie Koppen, D. Jensen Adams, Kimberly Hill, DJ Pierre, Margarethe (Meggie) Mapes, Joseph Nickels, Erika O'Shea, Nacente Seabury, Caroline Davis

Staff: Andy Savastino, Jerry Shechter, Rachel Willis, Lara Isch– OEQ; Eluard Alegre –Law; Esther Swanson, Scott Franke, Lisa Treese – Green Team Leaders.

Guests: Jim Turner, Don Wallace, Claus Wawrzinek, Billy Davies – Sierra Club; Emily Wolf – Metrop0olitan Energy Center, Madeline Meloy – Sunrise Movement; Joyce Raybuck, Jeremy Knoll – BNIM; Vera Williams – Surface Water Solutions.

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm; A quorum was not present. Co-chair Carol Adams welcomed commissioners, staff and guests. Everyone introduced themselves.
2. Minutes – A quorum was not present so minutes from February were not approved.
3. Green Team Annual Update – A slideshow was presented by the four Green Team Leads.
   1. Gerry Shechter – Policy and Regulation
      1. The goal of the policy and regulation team is to create new green policy and improve existing policy.
      2. A city-wide Green Procurement Policy AR was completed in 2019.
      3. The team is continuing to work on EV charging and parking policy which includes data collection and has outside professionals assisting on the project.
      4. Fleet Management Operations has many outdated policies, but four new AR’s designed to improve these operations have passed including the no idling AR.
      5. The AR for Tree Preservation has been drafted and is now being reviewed by the law department.
      6. In 2020 the team plans to focus on energy efficiency and renewable energy as well as complete projects already started.
   2. Scott Franke – Resource Management
      1. Presented facts on city wide waste diversion.
      2. Working on implementation of Green Procurement Policy.
         1. All city employees whose duties include procurement will need training on this AR. The training is currently in the draft/review phase.
      3. Implemented an internal recycling reboot where City Hall is the pilot location.
         1. Focuses on consistent/uniform recycling and trash bins.
   3. Lisa Treese – Green Infrastructure
      1. Focuses on stormwater structure and water quality infrastructure.
      2. Group has developed a manual which works as a supplement to the BMP manual and a GSI story map to be used as an educational tool.
      3. 2020 will focus on implementing a training program for the manual.
   4. Esther Swanson – Education and Outreach
      1. Programs generally remain the same from year to year.
      2. In 2019 the group rolled out the new recycling bins along with the other yearly projects.
      3. 2020 is focus on the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, increase the Lunch and Learns and keeping up current projects.
4. Policy recommendations work group report – Michael Kelley

Michael Kelley said that the policy recommendations are almost complete. He still needs explanations for the information covered on the slides for tor Housing, Energy Management and Food Systems.

* 1. Ben will cover Food Systems, Nathan and Scott will cover Energy Management.

1. OEQ Report – Andy Savastino
   1. Resolution 200005 – The Climate Protection Steering Committee approved the updated version and it will be submitted to council either on March 18th or 25th. Andy is trying to space out this resolution and the Urban Tree Masterplan going to council at the same time. After meeting with councilperson Loar, the baseline was been changed to 2005. Andy also mentioned that there was a discussion at the last council meeting regarding adapting resolutions that do not have adequate plans in place that provide funding.
   2. Renewable Direct Program – Evergy 660MW for four construction projects which the city is a part of and is expected to be up and running by the first part of next year.
   3. LEED Committee – This team has not met in a few years but is now up and running. Andy said the members plan to meet monthly
      1. Jim Freed, the new city architect is on board and plans to go through with all certifications. He will budget accordingly.
      2. The Barney Allis project calls for demolishing the parking structure. LEED does not certify parking structures but there is a similar program called ParkSmart that does and it was approved to go forward using that program.
      3. The LEED committee needs a council person to join as well as representatives from other City departments.
   4. 50th Anniversary of Earth Day
      1. Park Blitz at Kessler Park – With a press conference featuring the Mayor.
      2. Blue at the Zoo
      3. Weekly Report
      4. 50 for 50
      5. Launching Green Team Newsletter and updated website.
   5. Show Me Green Sales Tax Holiday has passed and will run 4/19 – 4/25.
   6. MARC Climate Action Workshop – March 31st.
   7. Pace Program – Clay CO wanted KCMO to opt out or they would stop handeling our tax collection. That would have put a big burden on the city so a deal was worked out where they will still process our taxes and the OEQ will field all question and comment phone calls regarding this program. They also asked for consumer protections but that will be considered next fiscal year.
   8. Energy Code -
2. Presentation from Joyce Raybuck and Jeremy Knoll, BNIM
   1. IECC 2021
      1. It is recommended by Joyce and Jeremy to wait until the 2021 plan comes out in October rather than implementing the 2018 plan.
      2. A discussion regarding whether the city could feasibly wait for the 2021 plan to come out followed the presentation. While many members of the committee and the OEQ like the ideas in the 2021 plan, Greg is having a hard time with just the 2018 plan and is not likely to accept the 2021 plan currently. Many ideas went back and forth about possibly pushing the code now and waiting on the energy component or changing the frequency of when a city adapts a new plan.
3. Council Committee Monitoring Reports – Not enough time for updates.
4. Transportation, Infrastructure & Operations – Carol Adams, Michael Kelley, Bob Berkebile (as an advisor)
5. Finance, Governance & Public Safety – Jensen Adams, Ben Proffer, Meggie Mapes
6. Neighborhood Planning & Development – Molly Davies
7. Special Committee on Housing – DJ Pierre, Meggie Mapes, Bob Berkebile (advisor)
8. Business Session – Ben Proffer
9. Liaison Updates – Not enough time for updates.

Air Quality Forum

* 1. Transportation 2050 Plan
  2. LEED Standards Committee – Joe Nickels
  3. Education – Jensen Adams
  4. Waste Management District
  5. MARC Sustainable Policy Committee
  6. Climate Protection Steering Committee (CPSC) – Bob Berkebile
  7. Volker Hub – Molly Davies, Scott Klamm

1. Old Business
2. New Business
   1. Carol informed the group that there are now 3 vacancies on the commission and urged people to get involved.
3. Remarks from Visitors

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| The next EMC meeting is: | DATE: Wednesday, April 8, 2020  TIME: 4:00 pm  PLACE: KCMO Health Department  2400 Troost; 4th Floor, Suite 4600 |
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The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm