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**Environmental Management Commission**

**Meeting Minutes April 08, 2020**

Meeting Location: Online via Microsoft Teams

Commissioners present: Carol Adams, Bob Berkebile, Caroline Davies, Gloria Ortiz Fisher, Michael Kelley, Scott Klamm, Julie Koppen, Marty Kraft, Nathan Madden, DJ Pierre

Commissioners Absent: D. Jensen Adams, Kimberly Hill, Joseph Nickels, Ben Proffer

Staff: Andy Savastino, Rachel Willis, Chris Hays, Philip Boyles, Jerry Shechter, Lara Isch– OEQ; Eluard Alegre –Law; Kyle Elliott, Beth Breitenstein- City planning & Development

Guests: Don Wallace, Claus Wawrzinek, Billy Davies, Robin Ganahl – Sierra Club; Emily Wolf – Metropolitan Energy Center; Bridget Sanderson - Environment Missouri; Jake Wagner, Anita Dickson - UMKC Urban Planning and Design

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm; A quorum was present. Andy Savastino welcomed commissioners, staff and guests. General rules and guidelines for an online meeting were reviewed. Everyone introduced themselves. There were no remarks from guests at this time.
2. **Review & Adoption of February and March 2020 Minutes** – February Minutes: Gloria Ortiz Fisher made a motion, seconded by Bob Berkebile, to approve, as presented, the minutes of the meeting of February 2020. The motion passed. March Minutes: Caroline Davies made a motion, seconded by Gloria Ortiz Fisher, to approve, as presented, the minutes of the meeting of March 2020.
3. **KCMO Comprehensive Plan** – Kyle and Beth

Presentation about a 30-month project where they go out into the community to see what people want KCMO to look like in the next 50 years.

Bob remarked to Kyle and Beth about how vulnerable the city is, especially underserved communities.

He is very concerned about language. Sustainability is frequently the word of choice but, regenerative is the term that he prefers as it speaks to long term changes.

Q: Is city staff coming with suggestions or coming with blank slate? A bit of both, Working from points of focus (in presentation), primarily community driven plan

Molly Davies - wants to know if education is centered around climate related issues. This is a community driven plan, works with all standard KC topics.

1. **UNESCO** – Jacob Wagner

Presentation - update of where they have been and where they are going.

KC is the only city of music in the United States.

Why music? Music is an important sector of economy.

Includes 17 sustainable development goals.

4 key initiatives:

1. KC museum and KC parks
2. Voyage of the drum
3. Battery tour
4. American music apprenticeship program

Strongly recommends a voluntary local review to track progress.

1. **Policy Recommendations** – Michael Kelley

Three sections still need notes submitted:

1. Energy
2. Food systems and green space - Molly
3. Housing

Notes needed by **May** in correct format

1. **Environmental Achievement Awards & Earth Day Update**– Lara Isch

Environmental achievement awards: Due on or before June 12th.

City employees can be nominated through green teams, my KC or email.

Possibly add a nomination category for environmental education.

Add walk/bike/run

Earth Day:

Regional effort that put together 50 things that people can do for earth day taking into consideration distancing factors.

#earthdaykc50

The list can be found on climate kc website

It will be put on the city website too

City hashtag #stayhomestaygreen

Climate council of greater kc: list of webnrs

1. **Office of Environmental Quality Report** - Andy Savastino

* 450-500 city staff telecommuting
* Trying to focus on equity in our office, online workshop within our department.
* Budget - not a lot of modifications due to covid19

Hiring lockdown

No new contracts for 60 days, must go through council

Looking for other opportunities for funding

* Energy code update - nearing completion of revision (removing some amendments), then goes to Law Department for their review.

Greg Franzen will meet with chair of Neighborhood & Housing Committee.

* Resolution 200005: on hold until May 6th.

Thought there would be a fair amount of public testimony, so it has been held to accommodate the public.

Michael Kelly - heard it was going to a joint committee on May 6th?

Andy will follow up and see if that is the case.

Budget did have $25,000 for climate concerns but we will have to wait until the budget is published.

Our department plans to continue forward in the meantime.

**Bob Berkebile made a motion to draft a letter in support of the 2021 IECC. Michael Kelly seconds. The motion was approved.**

* Urban Forest Master Plan:

Presentation rescheduled for May 5th.

Funding the plan has been an area of concern.

Don Wallace - re energy plan. Is input from the public going to happen. Another opportunity for public input?

Once an ordinance is posted you can submit written testimony.

Our best bet is to educate the council about how critical this issue is.

* City Council is only meeting and making decisions when necessary. Online public testimony is not as favored as in person testimony. They may be pushing certain items back to focus on what can be accomplished without public testimony.

1. **Council Committee Monitoring Reports** –
2. Transportation, Infrastructure & Operations – Carol Adams, Michael Kelley, Bob Berkebile (as an advisor) – No report
3. Finance, Governance & Public Safety – Jensen Adams, Ben Proffer– No report
4. Neighborhood Planning & Development – Molly Davies – No report
5. Special Committee on Housing – DJ Pierre, Bob Berkebile (advisor) – No report
6. Business Session – Ben Proffer – No report
7. **Liaison Updates**

Air Quality Forum – No report

* 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
2. New Business
3. Remarks from Visitors

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| **The next EMC meeting is:** | DATE: Wednesday, May 13, 2020  TIME: 4:00 pm  PLACE: KCMO Health Department  2400 Troost; 4th Floor, Suite 4600 |
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The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm