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**Environmental Management Commission**

**Meeting Minutes May 13, 2020**

Meeting Location: Online via Microsoft Teams

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

Commissioners Absent: Joseph Nickels, Kimberly Hill, Ben Proffer

Staff: Andy Savastino, Lara Isch, Jerry Shechter, Rachel Willis, Chris Hays, Kayleen Garrels, Matt McKinley – OEQ; Eluard Alegre– Law; Morgan Pemberton, Kyle Elliott – City Planning.

Guests: Don Wallace, Billy Davies, Claus Wawrzinek– Sierra Club; Madeline Meloy– Sunrise Movement; Julie Dietrich – Evergy; Patrick Hosty

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm; A quorum was present. Co-chair Carol Adams welcomed commissioners, staff and guests. Introduction were not made at this time.
2. \*Minutes – Julie Koppen made a motion, seconded by DJ Pierre, to approve, as presented, the minutes of the meetings of April 2020. The motion passed.
3. KCMO Comprehensive Plan (Engagement) – Morgan Pemberton

Presentation of KCMO comprehensive plan by Morgan Pemberton of City Planning Department.

Please see the website at: playbook.kcmo.gov

Michael Kelley: Wonders how engagement with communities with limited digital access is being addressed? Kyle Elliott: It has been challenging considering Covid-19 but they are beginning digitally, then reaching out to communities without digital access as soon as they can.

Jerry Shechter: What type of marketing is happening to drive people to the website? Morgan: Lots of emailing, collecting data during stay at home, media release, social media, local organizations that they collaborate with. Bob Berkebile: Suggested reaching out to digital inclusion task force.

1. 2020 EMC Policy Recommendations– Michael Kelley

Policy recommendations are complete. Wanted to add info about Covid-19 so a letter was produced that highlights the challenges related to Covid-19 and the climate crisis, explains the broader points of the EMC, and how Kansas City can use Covid-19 as springboard to reimagine how we should deal with issues regarding the climate crisis.

\*Molly Davies made a motion, seconded by Michael Kelley, to forward the Policy Recommendations and letter to Mayor and city council with a copy to the city manager. The motion passed.

1. Climate Action KC/Transportation 2050 (Update/Engagement) – Tom Jacobs

Tomorrow: 2 pm – 3:30 pm Climate Action Webinar

To engage people to participate actively in group conversations such as the Mind Mixer by Climate Action KC. This online platform will be open for the next five weeks.

<https://climateactionkc.mindmixer.com/>

Tom asked how can the regional plan work strengthen the priorities of the EMC?

1. Environmental Achievement Awards – Lara Isch

Nomination form has been posted on the city internal website and other appropriate sites.

Caroline Davies and Scott Klamm volunteered to review nominations. Carol will join if there isn’t another volunteer.

Carol Adams suggested a challenge for next year related to covid-19 and innovation.

1. Office of Environmental Quality Report – Andy Savastino/Lara Isch

1. Resolution 20005 – presentation to transportation infrastructure / finance committee went well. They offered to help the Office of Environmental Quality find more money. Applying for an environmental justice grant was suggested. Lots of testimony from the public which pushed vote back one day. Should pass no problem. Due date 3/31/21 to create new reliance plan.

2. The same committee also heard The Urban Forest masterplan also which is intended to identify funding strategies, should pass also.

3. Energy Code – revision that Greg Franzen drafted is somewhere in limbo between law department and city planning. Stakeholders are doing great job of reaching out to council.

4. Finance committee – The Finance Committee gave a 5-year financial outlook for city that would consider worst case scenario and not so bad scenario. City has several revenue sources plus the overall reserve fund that is in very good shape right now. However, furloughs or other strategies might be implemented.

5. OEQ partnered with Heartland Conservation Alliance, Deep Roots KC and the Health Forward Foundation on a mini grant for the Partners of Places to create a one-day workshop regarding conservation and equity. Hoping to get some great dialog out of that workshop.

6. Working with Molly for the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation grant. This is normally a health grant but this year the topic is Global Solution for US Solutions, Cities Taking Action to Address Health, Equity and Climate Change.

7. Working with Evergy and Bridging the Gap to reach out to customers regarding energy efficiency rebates and improve our benchmarking program.

1. Council Committee Monitoring Reports – No reports
2. Transportation, Infrastructure & Operations – Carol Adams, Michael Kelley, Bob Berkebile (as an advisor)
3. Finance, Governance & Public Safety – Ben Proffer
4. Neighborhood Planning & Development –Molly Davies
5. Special Committee on Housing – DJ Pierre, Bob Berkebile (advisor)
6. Business Session – Ben Proffer
7. Liaison Updates
   1. Air Quality Forum – Carol Adams - No reports
   2. Transportation 2050 Plan – Carol Adams - No reports
   3. LEED Standards Committee –Joe Nickels - No reports
   4. Waste Management District - No reports
   5. Climate Protection Steering Committee (CPSC) – Bob Berkebile

In the process of scheduling a quarterly meeting.

* 1. Volker Hub – Molly Davies, Scott Klamm - No reports

1. Old Business
2. New Business
3. Remarks from Visitors
   1. Billy Davies – Energy Codes - last meeting a letter of support was mentioned, are we going forward with that? Carol Adams- Letter was sent right away and Rachel Willis will forward it to you.
   2. Madeline Meloy – policy recommendations – are they being posted online? Carol Adams– we will post them.
   3. Claus Wawrzinek – Suggested using zoom. Andy Savastino – discussed pros and cons.

Carol – wants to know how the EMC can connect and participate

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| The next EMC meeting is: | DATE: Wednesday, June 10, 2020  TIME: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm  PLACE: Location Pending |
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The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

\*Action Items.