Kansas City, MO Climate Protection Steering Committee

Online Via Zoom

May 29, 2020

*CPSC Members Present*: Joanne Collins - Chair, Bob Berkebile, Kristin Riott, Tom Jacobs for David Warm, Ellen Fairchild, Dee Evans, Thomas Grever, Cathy Bennett

*CPSC Members Absent:* Scott Burnett

*Staff*: Jerry Shechter, Lara Isch, Rachel Willis, and Andy Savastino - OEQ; Eluard Alegre - Law

*Other Attendees:* Joan Leavens, Carol Macken – Evergy, Billy Davies, Claus Wawrzinek, Courtney Reyes, Don Wallace, Jim Turner, Mary Kay McGinty, Mike Kelly, Robin Ganahl, Sara Greenwood, Emily

**Meeting Minutes**

**Introductions & Remarks by the Chair**

Joanne Collins opened the meeting at 3:03 pm with a brief welcome and introductions by committee members and staff members.

**Approval of February 2020 Minutes**

\*The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

**Resolution #200005**

After many months of being held it has been approved by council on May 14, 2020. Councilwoman Robinson added a new section (#7) that states that climate equity will be a central focus of the climate protection and resiliency plan.

**Climate Protection/Resilience Planning Process**

After meeting with other cities and internal staff it has been deemed necessary to hire a consultant. Lara Isch went over the timeline with the committee.

* Pre-Contracting
  + RYI (request for information)
  + RFP (request for proposals)
* Contracting
* Planning and Engagement
  + Hoping to get an updated Green House Gas Inventory through this process
* Draft Plan
* Final Plan

Discussion followed regarding which stakeholders the plan wants to target and engage along with how to financially back the plan. The city budget set aside $25,000 for the plan and councilmembers Shields and Bunch expressed the need to find additional funding. It is also possible to piggyback on the comprehensive plan. Lara and Andy have been exploring grant options. The committee would like to be kept current on cost issues.

**Metro KC Climate Action Coalition**

A presentation was given by Tom Jacobs and Mike Kelly.

The goal of the plan is creating a model of regional resilience to climate change.

Website for Mind Mixer: https://climateactionkc.mindmixer.com

**Urban Forest Master Plan (UTMP) Update**

The plan advocates to take better care of the urban tree canopy and the plan asks for an extra five million to spend on trees. Maintenance of existing trees is where most of the funding will go.

City Council passed the resolution that adopts UTMP and requires the city manager to develop fundraising plans.

**Steering Committee Discussion**

Update on Energy Code - Greg Franzen said that they were days away from sending revised document, but that several amendments have been removed. He said he’d send it out in about a week to all who participated previously.

Bob Berkebile commented that we should all continue to lobby for the 2021 revisions on the energy code.

Billy Davies with Sierra Club encourages the committee to review comments regarding resolution #200005.

**Future Agendas & Date for Next Steering Committee Meeting – Steering Committee Members**

The next meeting will tentatively be held in August.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 pm.

\*Action Items