Kansas City, MO Climate Protection Steering Committee

Online Via Zoom

August 24, 2020

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

*CPSC Members Absent:* Scott Burnett, Thomas Grever

*Staff*: Lara Isch, Rachel Willis, Kayleen Garrels, Matt McKinley and Andy Savastino - OEQ; Eluard Alegre - Law

*Other Attendees:* Jordynn Webster, Lindsey Constance, David Mitchell, Brian Alferman, Mike Kelly, Margo, Philip Fracica, Robin Ganahl, Billy Davies, Joan Leavens, Don Wallace, Jensen Adams, Emily Wilson, Tom Jacobs

**Introductions & Remarks by the Chair**

Joanne Collins opened the meeting at 3:05 pm with a brief welcome and introductions by committee members and staff members.

**Approval of May 2020 Minutes**

\*Tom Jacobs made a motion, seconded by Dee Evans, to approve, as presented, the minutes of the meeting of May 2020. The motion passed.

**Office of Environmental Quality Report**

* Budget – OEQ did lose a position in the recent budget cut. There is still a $50 million shortfall for next fiscal year.
* Climate Action Planning Process – Request of Information (RFI) was issued in July which provided a rough scope of the cost from vendors. The responses were varied in terms of cost. The OEQ staff has now been working on the next phase of the plan which is a request for proposal (RFP) which will then go on to procurement.
* Energy Code – Council approved #200049 which will allow the council to hold out for the 2021 IECC. There will most likely be 2 or 3 public meetings to provide further input.
* Committee members only: Cindy Bannister has sent out an email which requests updated contact information, please let Andy know if you have not received it.

**Metro KC Climate Action Coalition – Update**

* Tom Jacobs: Completed the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Risk and Vulnerability Assessment in April. From all the engagement sessions, social equity is becoming the most important factor. About 300 people weighed in on mind mixer and they are taking the information to focus groups. Estimated to finish the plan in December.
* Mike Kelly: This plan will be a good framework to look at regional areas for opportunities while allowing cities to adjust the plan to their specific needs.
* Brian Alferman – Covid-19 has really shifted the focus of this project – especially in the public health area.
* Kristin Riott – on the equity front there were 2 grants that have been applied for. One is for getting adults to the table and one is for getting youth to the table. The grants will provide a stipend for the participants.

**Helium Balloon Release**

Recently there was an event at the Liberty Memorial where helium balloons were released. The OEQ can investigate city policies and see if this can be addressed.

**City Climate Action Plan RFP**

\*David Warm made a motion made to move into closed session to discuss specifications of competitive bidding seconded by Dee Evans. All committee members present voted aye.

**Steering Committee Discussion**

There’s an effort for climate advocacy led by Bridget Sanderson on both sides of the state line.

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

The next meeting will tentatively be held in November.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 pm.

\*Action Items