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**Environmental Management Commission**

**Meeting Minutes November 18, 2020**

Meeting Location: Online via Zoom

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

Commissioners Absent: Ben Proffer, Nathan Madden, Kimberly Hill, Joseph (Joe) Nickels.

Staff: Andy Savastino, Lara Isch, Jerry Shechter, Rachel O’Neal, Chris Hays, Matt McKinley, Philip Boyles, Kayleen Garrels – OEQ; Kitty Steffens – Finance.

Guests: Billy Davies, Jim Turner, Don Wallace – Sierra Club; Bridget Sanderson – Environment Missouri; Brittanie Giroux, Emily Wolfe – MEC; Sara Lamprise – Elevate Energy; Jane VanSant, Michelle Brightwell, Sarah Benal.

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:09 pm; A quorum was present. Co-chair Carol Adams welcomed commissioners, staff, and guests.
2. Citywide Business Plan – Kitty Steffens – Finance Department

Ms. Steffens gave a presentation outlining the city’s approach to creating and adapting the Citywide Business Plan. <https://www.kcmo.gov/home/showdocument?id=5780>

Main Components of Plan:

* The City’s strategic plan
* Financial strategic plan
* Five-year planning model

A question and answer period followed the presentation:

* How does the citywide business plan address existing outdated policies? The Business plan and the Playbook (Comprehensive Plan) overlap.
* What can the EMC do to push the sustainability aspects of this plan?

Review the citywide business plan and advise council where any environmental issues are lacking in policy.

* Does the plan include ideas for reducing violence? The KC Blueprint has many strategies aimed at violence prevention. <https://www.kcmo.gov/home/showdocument?id=5578>

1. \*Minutes – A quorum was no longer present. October minutes will be held until the next meeting.
2. Next steps post Covid-19/election strategies to position KC to advance environmental performance and resilience

\*Questions to reflect upon for discussion at the next meeting:

* What policies haven’t we addressed or what can we introduce that would increase the cities capacity to embrace positive change to transform the future of Kansas City?
* What do we want it look like in KC when we emerge from Covid-19?
* How can we anticipate strategies relating to food shortages (or other concerns) due to climate change?
* Just, Equitable, Diverse, Inclusive (JEDI) - must be a part of all plans.
* Please share any questions you have for discussion.

1. Homemade Air Cleaners – Scott Klamm

Mr. Klamm presented on how to make your own air purifier from a box fan. <https://kcmo-my.sharepoint.com/personal/rachel_oneal_kcmo_org/Documents/EMC/Novemeber/Homemade%20Air%20Cleaner%20MRIGlobal%2011_18_2020.pdf>

1. In Remembrance of Dennis Murphey

There have been many conversations on how to honor Mr. Murphy’s contribution to the commission, the community, and the region. One idea that the commission can do is to rename one of the environmental achievement awards after him.

1. Office of Environmental Quality Report -Andy Savastino

* Mr. Brian Platt has been selected as the new City Manager. Andy Savastino has spent a lot of time reviewing the interviews of all applicants and Mr. Platt does seem to be the most environmentally forward-thinking candidate. We have a lot to look forward too. He is expected to start mid-December.
* Ordinance #200719 - The project for a lease agreement between the airport and Evergy to provide solar generating stations has been cancelled. The parties could not reach an agreement. Evergy is looking at other sites. Also, a study came back about the glare from solar panels on the roof of the parking garage at the airport would be too much of a distraction so that has been cancelled also.

The meeting was cut short due to an overlap in schedules on Zoom. Please accept our apologies and we hope to see everyone at the December meeting.

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| The next EMC meeting is: | DATE: December 9, 2020  TIME: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm  PLACE: Location Pending |
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The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 pm.

\*Action Items.