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**Environmental Management Commission**

**Meeting Minutes December 9, 2020**

Meeting Location: Online via Zoom

Commissioners present: Carol Adams, Scott Klamm, Marty Kraft, Caroline (Molly) Davies, D. Jensen Adams, Ben Proffer, Nathan Madden.

Commissioners Absent: Bob Berkebile, Michael Kelley, Julie Koppen, Gloria Ortiz-Fisher, Duvel (DJ) Pierre, Kimberly Hill, Joseph (Joe) Nickels.

Staff: Andy Savastino, Lara Isch, Rachel O’Neal, Chris Hays, Matt McKinley, Philip Boyles – OEQ; Eluard Alegre – Law.

Guests: Don Wallace – Sierra Club; Brittanie Giroux, Emily Wolfe – MEC; Heather Loewenstein – Stone Lion; Robin Ganahl – Mothers Out Front; Patrick Hosty – Dynamhex.

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:09 pm; A quorum was not present. Co-chair Carol Adams welcomed commissioners, staff, and guests.
2. \*Minutes – no quorum.
3. StoneLion Puppets Earth Day - Re-imagining Our World

Puppets a Glow Go took place on Sept 26 & 27th and had over 10,000 people show up for the drive thru event at the WWI memorial.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=clHtjAusbdk&ab_channel=Smeefers>

Out of this event came the idea to do an Earth Day event that included a podcast alongside the drive thru festival. Do we want to work together to make something happen? If so, what would that look like?

1. Next steps post Covid-19/election strategies to position KC to advance environmental performance and resilience

* Bike KC Master Plan - Michael Kelley has requested an action from the commission regarding this topic. Since there is not a quorum, this will be put on the agenda for January 2021.
* Native Plant Network – Does the commission want to work on creating an ordinance similar to the one adapted in the City of Mount Rainier, Maryland for Kansas City, Missouri?
* Issues for the commission to consider working on:
  + Public health
  + Environmental and/or social justice
  + Affordable housing - Where you can get food and space, also needs to include affordable utilities.
  + Carol Adams shared her notes on the city’s financial plan to stimulate thinking and further conversation on the subject.
  + Andy Savastino mentioned that the City’s Climate Action Planning process is about to begin. OEQ is hoping that a lot of the ideas mentioned will be addressed and very specific plans will be put into place.

1. Office of Environmental Quality Report -Andy Savastino

* Brian Platt is our new City Manager and has started with the City on Monday. If there is a specific topic you would like Andy to bring to his attention please let Andy know.
* We Are Still In Movement – <https://www.wearestillin.com/> KC has signed onto the 2017 agreement. A new commitment will be released in about a week and the Mayor has agreed to sign it.
* Department of Energy Grant Repurposing:
  + Energy efficiency improvements on 5 city building:
    - Mohart Center
    - Fire Station
    - City Market
    - Health Department
    - Swope Ridge Geriatric Facility
* Energy efficiency program with Bridging the Gap (BTG)
  + Energy Solutions Hub with Metropolitan Energy Center
* Green and Sustainable Procurement Grant – approved for $44,000 which will be used to fund the following:
  + Bringing on a consultant
  + Train staff and vendors
  + “Green” the supply chain
* Received 10 proposal for the Climate Plan RFP which are now being reviewed and scored. Hoping to have a final selection by the end of the month.
* The Office of Environmental Quality is in the process of revamping the website.

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 – No reports
   6. Volker Hub – Molly Davies, Scott Klamm - No reports
8. Old Business - None
9. New Business – A general conversation about political divide and how to overcome those barriers took place.
10. Remarks from Visitors
    1. Robin Ganahl from Mothers Out Front invited the Commission to a meeting on Thursday, December 17, 2020 via Zoom. <https://www.mothersoutfront.org/events/reclaiming-our-power-with-community-choice-energy/>

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| The next EMC meeting is: | DATE: January 13, 2021  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.

Links shared in the meeting:

See section 2 of this, climate proofing municipal budgets [https://energy-cities.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Carbon-City-budget-briefing\_LayoutRC\_compressed.pdf#:~:text=Carbon%20budget%E2%80%9D%2C%20%E2%80%9CClimate-proofed%20municipal%20budgets%E2%80%9D%2C%20%E2%80%9Cscience-based%20targets%E2%80%9D%E2%80%9D%20are,instruments%2C%20measuring%20and%20monitoring%20tools%2C%20can%20be%20complementary](https://energy-cities.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Carbon-City-budget-briefing_LayoutRC_compressed.pdf%23:~:text=Carbon%20budget%E2%80%9D%2C%20%E2%80%9CClimate-proofed%20municipal%20budgets%E2%80%9D%2C%20%E2%80%9Cscience-based%20targets%E2%80%9D%E2%80%9D%20are,instruments%2C%20measuring%20and%20monitoring%20tools%2C%20can%20be%20complementary).