



**Environmental Management Commission
Meeting Minutes August 11, 2021**

Meeting Location: Online via Microsoft Teams

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

Commissioners Absent: Duvel (DJ) Pierre, Nathan Madden, Joseph (Joe) Nickels, Kimberly Hill.

Staff: Andy Savastino, Gerald Shechter, Lara Isch, Rachel O'Neal, Chris Hays– OEQ.

Guests: David Mitchell, Don Wallace, Jim Turner, Billy Davies – Sierra Club; Emily Wolfe – MEC; Robin Ganahl – MOF; Carl Stafford – My Region Wins; Patrick Hosty – Dynamhex; Cortlynn Stark – KC Star; Hilary Noonan - Syntax Land Design; Alissa Greenwald.

- A. The meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm; A quorum was present at that time. Co-chair Carol Adams welcomed commissioners, staff, and guests.
- B. *Minutes –Caroline (Molly) Davies made a motion, seconded by Marky Kraft, to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 2021. The motion passed.
- C. Environmental Achievement Awards (EAA) Logistics
 - The Mohart Multi-Purpose Center is currently reserved and with planning could accommodate everyone.
 - Need to decide if the ceremony will in fact be in person or virtual like last year.
 - Bob Berkebile made the point that the ceremony is more meaningful in person.
 - Currently the consensus is to stay live, depending on the status of Covid.
 - Molly will lead the presentation.
- D. Climate Protection & Resilience Plan (CPRP) Update
 - *See attached presentation.
 - GHG inventory – Focusing on data from 2019, results should be ready to share by next month.
 - Climate risk and vulnerability assessment – will be completed soon.
 - Andy Savastino will be briefing council members in September or October.
 - Human driven and equity centered approach to outreach and engagement.
 - Please go here: <https://playbook.kcmo.gov/CPRP> to sign up and share your climate stories.
- E. Climate Protection Steering Committee (CPSC)
 - New members appointed; first meeting was yesterday.
 - Michael Kelley is the liaison between the commission and the committee.
- F. Revised Draft Annual Report
 - Focus is on climate activities, but references issues in last year's reports as well.
 - Added language about urgency, refers to the climate plan, and a conclusion has been added.
 - If anyone has any helpful language about urgency, please send your suggestions to Carol Adams.
 - Jerry Shechter will help language regarding connecting the dots between Resolution #200005 and the EMC Annual Report.

G. Declaration of Ecological Emergency

- There was a discussion about whether or not the EMC should send a letter drafted by Ben Proffer to the Mayor and City Council requesting that an Ecological Emergency be declared. A decision was not reached, therefore *Ben Proffer made a motion, seconded by Marty Kraft, to hold a special meeting in two weeks to further discuss the draft declaration of ecological emergency as well as look at resolutions from other cities on this subject. The motion passed.

H. Old Business – EV Policy Endorsement

- Carol Adams would like to compose a letter of support focusing on aspirational goals.

The next EMC meeting is: DATE: September 8, 2021
 TIME: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
 PLACE: Mohart Multi-Purpose Center
 3200 Wayne Avenue
 Kansas City, MO 64109
 ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm.

*Action Items