



**Environmental Management Commission  
Meeting Minutes August 31, 2021**

Meeting Location: Online via Microsoft Teams

Commissioners present: Carol Adams, Bob Berkebile, Marty Kraft, Caroline (Molly) Davies, Ben Proffer, Duvel (DJ) Pierre, D. Jensen Adams, Nathan Madden, Julie Koppen, Scott Klamm, Michael Kelley.

Commissioners Absent: Joseph (Joe) Nickels, Gloria Ortiz-Fisher, Kimberly Hill.

Staff: Andy Savastino, Lara Isch, Gerald Shechter, Rachel O'Neal, Chris Hays– OEQ; Jing Tao – Water; Eluard Alegre - Law.

Guests: Sarah Benal – HCA; Don Wallace, Billy Davies, David Mitchell – Sierra Club; Carl Stafford – My Region Wins; Elizabeth Fischer.

- A. The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm; A quorum was present at that time. Co-chair Carol Adams welcomed commissioners, staff, and guests.
- B. Declaration of Ecological Emergency Continued
- A revised draft of the letter was drafted by Ben Proffer.
  - Suggestions for the resolution included:
    - Communicating the extent of the Climate crisis to residents of the KC Metro Area
    - Review current city codes and processes
    - Establish a CO2 budget for KC
    - Prioritize resources based on need
    - Establish a budget based on community needs
    - Interdepartmental collaboration within the city planning process
  - These suggestions are already covered in the Climate Protection and Resiliency Plan that OEQ is currently working on
  - Some members of the commission would rather focus on supporting the climate plan that is in process
  - This resolution (if drafted) will not affect emergency ordinances made during covid
  - Many resolutions historically have not affected the change that was intended; strong policy has been shown to have more impact
  - All members of the commission feel that the climate crisis deserves urgency, but some commissioners indicated that submitting this letter a week after the annual report seems inconsistent
  - Some were confused about the timeline on the Climate plan. It is scheduled to be complete by the Spring of 2022
  - \*Nathan Madden made a motion, seconded by Julie Koppen, to table discussion regarding this letter until a report about the Climate Protection and Resiliency Plan is available. The motion passed.

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 5:00 pm.  
\*Action Items