Kansas City, MO Climate Protection Steering Committee (CPSC)

Online Meeting Via Microsoft Teams

September 21, 2021

*CPSC Members Present*: Thomas Grever (Chair), Robin Ganahl, Kristin Riott, Beth Pauley, Bill Griffith, Bridget Sanderson, Michael Kelley.

*CPSC Members Absent:* Ellen Fairchild, Angela Crawford.

*Staff*: Andy Savastino, Lara Isch, Gerald Shechter, Rachel O’Neal, Chris Hays, Matt McKinley - OEQ; Eluard Alegre – Law.

*Other Attendees:* Ben Postlethwait (substitute for Ellen Fairchild); Billy Davies, Claus Wawrzinek, Jim Turner – Sierra Club; Mary Kay McGinty – Mother’s Out Front; Emily Wolfe, Kelly Gilbert, David Albrecht – Metropolitan Energy Center; Jordynn Webster – Home Builders Association; Jabbar Wesley, Lemartt Holman, Shaylyn Dean – Spire; Karen Uhlenhuth – Midwest Energy News; Ron Achelpohl – Mid-America Regional Council; Jacob Wagner – UMKC; Rebekah Shakelford, Brad Lucht, Dana Gordon.

**Introductions & Overview**

Thomas Grever opened the meeting at 3:32 pm with a brief welcome.

**Approval of August 2021 Minutes**

\*Bill Griffith made a motion, seconded by Kristin Riott, to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 2021. The motion passed.

**Administration**

1. **Sec 2-2020 Code of Ethics/Conflict of Interest**
* Purpose – to make sure committee members are acting in the best interest of the City and to encourage transparency.
* Eluard Alegre from Law gave an overview of different types of conflicts of interest.
1. **Sunshine Law Considerations**
* If a quorum holds a discussion via email, are they subject to Sunshine Law Considerations? Yes, and public notice must be made.
* Are all emails subject to public records request? All communications with city staff are subject to disclosure (unless committee goes into closed session.) Since the committee is part of city business, they are subject to these rules also. If the committee is ever served with a sunshine request, please let Eluard and the Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ) know. Generally, the city has a 5-year records retention policy.
* If formal sub-committees are formed, they may be subject to Sunshine Laws. Meetings must be informal and not discuss CPSC business to communicate without public notice.
1. **Selection of Chair/co-chair**

The ordinance that created this committee states that the committee will select a chair and vice-chair.

For the position of Chair, Robin Ganahl and Tom Grever were nominated by the committee.

\*A vote was held, and Robin Ganahl was appointed as Chair. A vice-chair will be selected at the next meeting once the role can be more formally defined.

1. **Meeting Schedule**

Committee members are encouraged to email Andy suggestions for any blocks of time that are open for meetings, and he will send a poll regarding frequency and length of reoccurring meetings going forward.

**Greenhouse Gas Inventory**

* Citywide and municipal inventories have been completed.
* On track to hit the 2025 reduction goals for GHG emissions.
* Largest emissions sources shifted from commercial energy to transportation.
* Significant sources of emissions reductions include:
	+ Evergy adding more green energy to its portfolio
	+ Reduction in industrial emissions
	+ Transportation emission decreased by 5%
* Emissions from city fleet vehicles have increased over time.
* Aviation has reported higher electricity usage than in the past due to construction activities associated with the new terminal.
* Lara Isch will share graphs and a summary sheet regarding the Greenhouse Gas Inventory to the committee.

**KC Climate Protection and Resiliency Plan (CPRP) Update**

* Phase 1 will be ongoing. If you have time, check out the climate stories here: <https://playbook.kcmo.gov/cprp-listen> and add your own.
* Flooding and Air Quality are of greatest concern to the people of KCMO according to surveys on the Bang the Table site.
* Phase 2 – (strategy phase) is underway.
* Lara Isch will send out a draft of the stakeholder engagement plan to committee members.
* The Brendle group is working on finalizing technical workgroup concepts, recruitment, and timelines.

**Energy Code**

* Internal city conversations on the energy code are taking place, with a special interest from councilman Bough. Still waiting for one document from IECC that contains code changes.
* Metropolitan Energy Center is sponsoring a community conversation on October 7th from 10:30am – 12:30pm.

**Missouri State Energy Plan Stakeholder Meeting – October 5th**

* OEQ staff will be present to represent the climate planning process.
* Robin Ganahl would like to encourage members from city council to attend and participate in this process. Tom Grever and Robin will finalize a letter to be sent to the mayor and city council before the meeting is scheduled to take place.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 pm.

\*Action Items