

Kansas City, MO Climate Protection Steering Committee (CPSC)
Online Meeting Via Microsoft Teams
October 18, 2021

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

CPSC Members Absent: None

Staff: Andy Savastino, Lara Isch, Gerald Shechter, Rachel O’Neal, Chris Hays, Matthew Nunez – OEQ; Greg Franzen – City Planning and Development; Jeff Martin, Debra Perillo – Water.

Other Attendees: Becca Stock, Judy Dorsey – The Brendle Group; Stephenie Smith – Sophic Solutions; Billy Davies, Jim Turner, Don Wallace – Sierra Club; Jabbar Wesley, Shaylyn Dean, Christy Engemann, – Spire; Mary English, Kelly Gilbert - Metropolitan Energy Center; Jeremy Knoll – BNIM; Karen Uhlenhuth – Midwest Energy News; Raymond Forstater, Ryan Dickey, Laela Zaidi – Sunrise Movement; Warren Adams-Leavitt – Westside Housing; Brad Lucht.

Introductions & Overview

Robin Ganahl opened the meeting at 3:31 pm with a brief welcome.

Approval of September 2021 Minutes

*Kristin Riott made a motion, seconded by Michael Kelley, to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 2021. The motion passed.

Public Comments - None

Selection of Vice-Chair

Vice-chair will fill in when chair is unavailable, help with sub-committee, attend OEQ meetings with the chair, etc.

*Michel Kelley was nominated by Bill Griffith, Michael accepted. There were no other nominations. All members of the committee voted to approve this nomination and elect Michael Kelley as the vice-chair.

Legislative Priorities

*Robin Ganahl made a motion, seconded by Michael Kelley, to form a subcommittee that will compile a list of legislative priorities to recommend to City Council and the Mayor before the next meeting. The motion passed.

KCMO 100% Clean Energy Goal

In 2018 a resolution passed that directed the city to move forward with 100% carbon free electricity. The due date was December of 2020. The city worked with Evergy on the Renewables Direct program, which was supposed to supply the energy to meet that goal. One of the two power purchase agreements with Evergy and the developer of a wind farm fell through which left the city short of the goal. The city manager is interested in this type of project and the proposed solar array at KCI will be considered as a future strategy. One hurdle will be the streetlights. They are considered non-metered accounts and will not be covered by the green tariffs in the power purchase agreement. Andy is working on overcoming this obstacle.

Brendle CPRP Update & Engagement Session

Please See Attached Presentation.

Feedback Needed:

- Is anything missing from Climate Action Areas and Descriptions? Does wording need to be adjusted to ensure community member understand where their feedback/concerns are addressed? (see slide 11)
- Are there any other key concepts you want to make sure are not overlooked? (see slide 12)

Jamboard Questions:

- What are the most important points for the plan to communicate?
- What should the tone of the plan be?
- Who is the audience for this plan?

Engagement Opportunities:

- Online workshops
 - Central: Oct 27 @ 6pm
 - Northland: Oct 28 @ 6pm
 - Southland: Oct 30 @ 9:30am
- In-person workshops
 - Central: Nov 4 @6pm
 - Northland: Nov 6 @ 10:30am
 - Southland: Nov 9 @ 6pm
- December topical working group sessions – details coming soon
- For more info or to register, go to: playbook.kcmo.gov/cprp-explore

The Brendle Group will meet again with the CPSC in phase 4 to review the plan and obtain feedback from the committee.

2021 IECC Building Codes

Please See Attached Presentation.

- Strengthening amendments refer to changes in the local municipal code to go back to the draft 2021 plan before EV and PV ready language was stripped out
- Greg Franzen expects substantial opposition to the residential changes but is unsure of the level of opposition to the commercial side
- Consider length of payback and “readiness” for upcoming conversations and negotiations

*Robin Ganahl made a motion, seconded by Michael Kelley, to make a recommendation to City Council to adapt the 2021 IECC Building Codes with strengthening amendments. The motion passed.

Announcements from Andy Savastino

- Andy had asked for comments about a Climate Emergency Resolution. The resolution has been drafted and Councilwoman Robinson has asked that stakeholders be prepared to offer testimony. It is expected to be introduced on Thursday (10/21/21) and then go to a committee the following week. Please look for an email from Andy with more details including the resolution #, which committee it will be going to, and where to send testimony.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm.

*Action Items