



Environmental Management Commission

Meeting Minutes: January 12, 2022

Meeting Location: Online via Microsoft Teams

Commissioners present: Carol Adams (Chair), Marty Kraft, Nathan Madden, Duvel (DJ) Pierre, Michael Kelley, Carol Macken, Caroline (Molly) Davies, Ben Proffer, Jensen Adams, Gloria Ortiz-Fisher, Scott Klamm.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff: Andy Savastino, Lara Isch, Rachel O'Neal, Chris Hays – OEQ; Melissa Kozakiewicz – City Manager's Office; Forest Decker – Neighborhoods.

Guests: David Hakan - KC Drawdown Society; Don Wallace, Billy Davies, Jim Turner – Sierra Club; Alissa Greenwald, Bridget Sanderson - Renew Missouri; David Mitchell Citizens Climate Lobby; Emily Wolfe – MEC; Sarah Benal, Magali Rubi Rojas – Heartland Conservation Alliance; Vera Williams – Surface Water Solutions.

A. The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm; A quorum was present at that time. Chair Carol Adams welcomed commissioners, staff, and guests. All the commissioners introduced themselves, including the newest member, Carol Macken.

B. *Minutes – Michael Kelley made a motion, seconded by Ben Proffer, to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 2021. The motion passed.

- C. Report on OEQ Organizational Change Meeting with City Manager's Office – Carol Adams/Michael Kelley
- After the letter regarding the OEQ organizational changes was sent to the City Manager's office a small meeting was held. Unfortunately, the request for OEQ to remain part of the City Manager's office was denied.
 - The City Manager's office believes that moving OEQ to Neighborhoods will provide additional support and resources.
 - The City Manager's office realizes that OEQ and the other divisions that will be moving do much more than "Neighborhoods" and they are considering changing the name.

D. Annual Report Planning – Carol Adams

- Carol Adams would like to start a work group to work on a draft of the annual report. Initial volunteers are:
 - Caroline (Molly) Davies, Nathan Madden and Ben Proffer.
 - Focus of the report will be on next steps of Climate Plan.

E. Climate Protection & Resiliency Plan (CPRP) Update – Lara Isch

- Finished Strategy Prioritization Sessions last month.
- Consultants used the information from those meetings to start drafting the near-term implementation plan.
- Still need to have internal Strategy Prioritization meetings with department directors to get feedback on feasibility and other logistics.
- A very rough draft of the plan was provided to OEQ staff for feedback last week. Consultants are now compiling all the information to get a public draft ready which will be presented at the January 24th Climate Protection Steering Committee meeting.
- Climate justice workers will be reactivated to share the draft plan with the people/groups that they have already reached out to.

