

Kansas City, MO Climate Protection Steering Committee (CPSC)
Online Meeting Via Microsoft Teams
February 10, 2022
Special Session

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

CPSC Members Absent: None.

Staff: Andy Savastino, Lara Isch, Rachel O’Neal, Chris Hays – OEQ; Delia Heffernan – KC Water.

Other Attendees: Jensen Adams, Nate Madden, Marty Kraft – Environmental Management Commission; Becca Stock – Brendle; Billy Davies, Don Wallace – Sierra Club; Shaylyn Dean, Lemartt Holman, Jabbar Wesley, Christy Engemann, Theresa Garza – Spire; Adam Rossi – Jerusalem Farm; Alissa Greenwald – Renew MO; David Albrecht, Kelly Gilbert – MEC; Eslun Tucker – Heartland Development Group; Karen Uhlenhuth – Midwest Energy News; David Mitchell – Citizens Climate Lobby; Jenn DeRose – Blackrock Consulting; Jason Klindt, Elizabeth Danforth – Everyg; Whitman Miller.

Introductions & Overview

Robin Ganahl opened the meeting at 3:00 pm with a brief welcome.

Rachel O’Neal called roll for committee members; a quorum was present at that time.

All public comments will be held until a vote is about to happen and for the allotted time period at the end of the meeting. Chat and mic will be disabled until the appropriate time.

Guests are to be respectful of all committee members. Personal criticisms are not allowed.

Engagement Timeline

Please see timeline attachment.

- This timeline will most likely change but the date that the final plan goes to council should remain the same.
- The public draft of the plan is expected to go out in February and the goal is to have the public comment period open for one month.
- Future meetings can be moved to align with plan deadlines.

Climate Protection & Resiliency Plan (CPRP) Discussion

*Bill Griffith made a motion, seconded by Kristin Riott, to break into subcommittees to review and offer recommendations back to the full committee on the draft Climate Protection & Resiliency Plan (CPRP). The motion passed.

Small group Chairs:

Mobility – Michael Kelley

Energy - Beth Pauley

Buildings & Homes – Bill Griffith

Natural Systems – Kristen Riott

Food & Waste – Bridget Sanderson

- Is there an opportunity to specifically state in the plan the need to intertwine various types of transportation going forward? Right now, the strategies are separate but in the introduction of that section it can be mentioned how they will work together.
- Dividing the city into North, Central and South doesn't reflect the income disparities in Kansas City. Can we use strategies and actions to address this? It needs to be acknowledged in the plan.
- Prioritization framework scoring was intentionally left out of the plan by The Brendle Group. A committee member feels that putting this in the main plan would be powerful and recommends adding it to the plan.
- Robin Ganahl will lead a subgroup about how the prioritization framework scoring was completed and what the criteria was.

Public Comments

- The Brendle Group has prepared climate plans for many other cities and communities. They also used a lot of previous information collected from the regional plan. OEQ has researched many climate plans from across the country.
- There will not be public seats available for the subgroups to review the different sections of the plan.
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Next Steps

- Polls will be sent out to arrange meeting times for subgroups by Chris Hays in OEQ. Subgroups will be limited to 4 people per group.
- Signup sheets will be sent out tomorrow.
- Subgroups should have recommendations prepared for the rest of the committee to review on Wednesday, February 23rd so that there is time for everyone to review and discuss at the meeting scheduled on February 28th.
- Recommendations made to The Brendle Group should be in writing.
- Draft going to the public will include recommendations from CPSC.

*Bridget Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Michael Kelley, to break into subgroups that will form recommendations to share with the committee as a whole by February 23rd. The committee will review each subgroups recommendation and discuss at the meeting scheduled for February 28th and vote on which recommendations should be submitted to The Brendle Group. The Brendle Group will work on updating the plan with the committee's recommendations for 2 weeks and then submit the revised draft to the public for their one-month comment period. Committee can make additional comments during the public comment period as well. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

*Action Items