

Environmental Management Commission

Meeting Minutes: March 16, 2022

Meeting Location: Online via Microsoft Teams

Commissioners present: Carol Adams (Chair), Marty Kraft, Scott Klamm, Carol Macken, Duvel (DJ) Pierre, Nathan Madden, Michael Kelley.

Commissioners Absent: Caroline (Molly) Davies, Ben Proffer, Jensen Adams, Gloria Ortiz-Fisher.

Staff: Andy Savastino, Lara Isch, Rachel O'Neal, Chris Hays – OEQ; John Santner – Health.

Guests: Jerry Shechter – Heartland Conservation Alliance; Wesley Jabbar – Spire; Justice Horn – Environmental Justice Worker; Alissa Greenwald – Renew Missouri; Anna Spoerre – KC Star; Billy Davies, Don Wallace, Brooke Bergman, Jim Turner – Sierra Club; Carlos Moreno – KCUR; Robin Ganahl, Beth Pauley – Climate Protection Steering Committee; Emily Wolfe, Mary English, Miriam Bouallegue, Brittanie Giroux – Metropolitan Energy Center; Eslun Tucker – Heartland Development Group; Karen Uhlenhuth – Midwest Energy News; Kristen Reesor – KMBC; Stephen Melton – Citizens Climate Lobby; Tom Jacobs – MARC; Laela Zaidi, Jack Niemuth, Kailee Ford, Ryan Dickey – Sunrise Movement.

A. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm; A quorum was present at that time. Chair Carol Adams welcomed commissioners, staff, and guests. All the commissioners introduced themselves.

B. *Minutes – Carol Macken made a motion, seconded by Marty Kraft, to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 2022. The motion passed.

- C. Environmental Achievement Awards Discussion
 - Lara will share application in the next meeting, try to launch around earth day.
 - EMC will continue to use the pictures as the awards.

D. Climate Protection & Resilience Plan Update

Please see attached PowerPoint.

- Draft plan is live at: https://indd.adobe.com/view/04e8f07a-1fdb-4c92-91b8-8f4ec1a83f4c
- It is also on the OEQ site but to make a comment please go to the playbook site: https://playbook.kcmo.gov/cprp
- The plan is a living document and will be evolving over the next 30 days to incorporate comments from the community as well as internal city departments.
- Next Steps:
 - Deadline for public review April 12, 2022
 - o CPSC will meet to discuss and finalize plan April 25, 2022
 - o Final Plan presented to City Council at Business Session (tentative) April 28, 2022
 - Final Plan presented to City Council committee for review and pass to City Council May 4, 2022
- It is recommended that you register for the Playbook site.
- Annual Report Workgroup will start with an outline of the short-term implementation plan. For commission members to volunteer please let Carol Adams or Rachel O'Neal know.

E. Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ) Report - Andy Savastino

- City Budget
 - o In front of finance committee March 23, 2022
 - o To full City Council March 25, 2022

- Grant Opportunity: Action Fund. Expressions of interest from nonprofit and civil society organizations
 or consortiums of organizations that have a plan to accelerate the implementation of a city climate
 action plan while addressing inequality are due by April 11, 2022. More info here: <u>FINAL action fund</u>
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- Solarize KC Working on RFP for this project. Looking to launch in June.
- Energy Code City Planning is finalizing the ordinance before it goes to council. It will be the 2021 IECC, adding in EV and Solar ready. Should be moving forward in the next week or two.
- Nuisance Code A group of stakeholders was formed, and discussions are underway to make the code more amenable to natural landscaping.
- OEQ is more than likely to have to move to the neighborhoods department. OEQ has also been approved to fill the administrative assistant position and the senior environmental officer position.

F. Reports and Updates from Committees

Air Quality Forum – Looking to expand representation and membership.

G. Old Business

Annual report – please let Carol Adams know if you would like to be involved.

H. New Business

- Conflict of Interest forms need to be returned to the City Clerk's office by May 1st.
- Compost Fest this Saturday at Cultivate KC, from 9-3.
- Show Me Green Sales Tax Holiday has been approved and will be promoted during Earth Day.
- City Nature Challenge: https://www.kcmo.gov/programs-initiatives/city-nature-challenge Please participate!

I. Remarks from Visitors

- Billy Davies
 - Is it possible to see any climate implementation funding in the budget? Until the City Council
 votes, it's hard to say what will or will not be in the budget. Funds were requested for shortterm implementation strategies; the climate emergency resolution was referenced.
 - Is there any new information about OEQ's move to Neighborhoods? It does seem that OEQ will be moved under Neighborhoods.
- Eslun Tucker Is the short-term implementation plan on the site along with the draft plan? Yes, in the "important documents" list: https://www.kcmo.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/8158

The next EMC meeting is: DATE: April 13, 2022

TIME: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

PLACE: TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

*Action Items