



**Environmental Management Commission
Meeting Minutes: July 13, 2022**

Meeting Location: Online via Microsoft Teams

Commissioners present: Carol Adams (Chair), Jensen Adams, Nathan Madden, Carol Macken, Marty Kraft, Caroline (Molly) Davies, Gloria Ortiz Fisher.

Commissioners Absent: Duvel (DJ) Pierre, Scott Klamm, Michael Kelley, Benjamin Proffer.

Staff: Andy Savastino, Philip Boyles, Chris Hays– OEQ.

Guests: Jerry Shechter, Araceli Fritz, Rachele W, Jeremy Knoll.

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.

B. Annual Report-

- Caroline (Molly) Davies explained annual report outline. Reviewed each section in detail. Suggested adding the NFL drafting event to annual report. Requested OEQ verify everything in yellow.
- Jerry Shechter- Suggested a date of reference when linking to the Climate Plan in the annual report.
- Marty Kraft- Suggested to make mobility more accessible to the community by having grocery stores at walking distance. Suggested adding increase leaf composting.
- Carol Adams- Suggested highlight on KCATA for having more electric buses and flex service.
- Gloria Ortiz Fisher- Suggested Marlborough and Lichens neighborhoods trust.
- Andy Savastino- Curbside composting is not off the radar.

C.* Minutes – Caroline (Molly) Davies made a motion, seconded by Gloria Ortiz Fisher, to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 08, 2022. The motion passed.

D. Energy Code- First time City Planning and Development offered to the public proposals to original recommendation to the 21 code.

- To allow R19 or bad insulation or possible R21 in the walls. Would eliminate the requirement of continuous insulation on the exterior of buildings.
- Council talked about staff requirements.
- Councilwoman Bough did not move forward with the vote.

Jeremy Knoll- Explained that Councilwoman Bunch joined and had additional questions.

- The amendment is about keeping to the R19 or R21.
- Clarification is about looking at existing buildings to meet the newer code.
- Structural changes are not the case when moving to continuous insulation.
- Suggested we stick with the code as it is with no weakening amendments.

- Suggested to search DOE Missouri 2021 IECC cost comparison. (https://www.energycodes.gov/sites/default/files/202107/MissouriResidentialCostEffectiveness_2021.pdf)

*Caroline (Molly) Davies made a motion, seconded by Gloria Ortiz Fisher, to send a final energy code letter that supports the code without weakening amendments. The motion passed.

E. Environmental Achievement Award Discussion- Andy Savastino- We only received three applications.

- Caroline (Molly) Davies- Suggested to cancel the Environmental Achievement Award application.
- Unanimous approval for cancelation.
- Carol Adams- Suggested to make a communication that highlights some of the achievements that were accomplished through the work of the OEQ.

F. Office of Environmental Quality Report - Andy Savastino

- Resolution 220442- Balanced Energy Resolution- The mayor and councilwoman O'Neil decided to move it out of this committee and into Neighborhoods, Planning, and Development.
- We have two sponsors for the Climate Plan- Could be in committee meeting next week
- Solarize Kansas City Campaign is going well; We have 380-390 assessments and have contracted around 10-12 of them. We have meeting set up with some investors that have rental units. One of them has at least 800 house they own and rent out in Kansas City. We are in tier 2 pricing right now. Could be in tier 3 pricing by the end of the week.
- Will continue doing workshops until the end of the campaign, which concludes the end of Oct. 2022.
- Renewable energy that we used on our facilities is 23 %.
- CDP report is being worked on
- LEED for Cities is being worked on by interns

G. Liaison Report- None

H. Old Business- None.

I. New Business- Marty Kraft- Shared the content of a letter he received that stated that there was an inspection of his property. Letter also stated he was not in compliance with the city standards. He admitted to having high grass and will not cut it. Order to remove nuisances.

Gloria Ortiz Fisher- Shared her own experience with Order to remove nuisances' letters.

Andy Savastino- Explained how 311 complaints are handled or routed.

Caroline (Molly) Davies- Shared her experience with her neighbor that does not live on the property but sprays gallons of Round Up in his yard.

J. Remarks from Visitors- None

The next EMC meeting is: DATE: August 10, 2022
TIME: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

PLACE: TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13pm.