

Kansas City, MO Climate Protection Steering Committee (CPSC)  
Online Meeting Via Microsoft Teams  
September 19, 2022

*CPSC Members Present:* Robin Ganahl (Chair), Kristin Riott, Shirley Mata, Bo Moreno, Ellen Fairchild, Beth Pauley, Bill Griffith, Bridget Sanderson, Tom Grever.

*Absent CPSC members:* Michael Kelley (Vice Chair), Angela Crawford.

*Staff:* Andy Savastino, Lara Isch, Marleny Flores, Matt McKinley, Rachel O’Neal – OEQ. Kacey Eis-Cookingham Noll Fellow.

*Other Attendees:* Wade Kiefer, Katheryn Shields, Carol Macken, John Santner, Dan Wilkus, Claus Wawrzinek, Araceli Fritz, Kelly Gilbert, Jerusalem Farm.

### **Introductions & Overview**

Robin Ganahl opened the meeting at 3:30 pm with a brief welcome; A quorum was present at that time.

### **Approval of August 15, 2022, Minutes**

\* Beth Pauley made a motion, seconded by Bill Griffith, to approve the minutes of the meeting on August 15, 2022. The motion passed.

### **Climate Protection & Resiliency Plan Next Steps**

Councilwoman Katherine Shields: Thanked the commission for all the work they have done.

Beth Pauley: Gave special thanks to Michael Kelley and Robin Ganahl for their hard work.

Kristin Riott: Thanked Andy and Lara for their hard work.

Andy Savastino:

- **Administrative tasks:** Finalizing the plan being done by Lara Isch. Posting documents, tracking the implementation of the Climate Protection Resiliency Plan with dashboard program. Grants and funding are being worked on. The city has contracted personnel to find and administer the grants. Brendle is going to provide an outreach plan.
- **Implementation Projects:**
  - Solarize Kansas City
  - Share the Sun- low-income family component of the solarize program.
  - Energy Code- Still working on getting Energy Code adopted. Next hearing will be held on: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 @ 1:30pm.
  - Electrification Grant- Buy down program where equipment can be electrified such as lawn mower and leaf blowers.
  - Environmental Justice Advisory Board- Conversations with the Steering Committee will take plan to start getting this set up.
  - Midwest Building Decarbonization- working on getting project started.
  - Nuisance Code- Native grasses, native plantings, weeds- Update on the code is being worked on. The tree preservation issues are being addressed also.
- **What we are looking at for next fiscal year:**
  - Budget request has is being worked on and will be submitted before the end of this month.
  - Hoping to get entry level positions for our office around natural system, buildings, and energy to help support the work that is being done.

Councilwoman Kathrine Shields: Suggested her colleagues get notified of federal funding money at risk if Energy code is not adopted.

Kristin Riott- Suggested public education on how the CPRP turned out.

### **Evergy Special Contemporary Topics filing with PSC**

Robin Ganahl- Informed the committee that the filing deadline was September 15, 2022. Thanked Andy and Lara for helping by filing before the deadline. It was an opportunity to request Evergy model certain scenarios that align with our climate plan.

Andy Savastino & Lara Isch- Thanked Robin Ganahl and the steering committee for all their help.

### **Urban Heat Island Fund**

Beth Pauley- There is funding available for Kansas City to be involved in studying the Urban Heat Island affects as well as solutions for addressing the heat island affects. Jeff Mark was the one who made us aware of this opportunity. Will send slide show provided by Jeff Mark to address questions. Thinks it may be the same one Andy Savastino is mentioning. Will request Jeff Mark do a presentation on the next meeting.

Andy Savastino- Asked if that is a current initiative or the same one from Evergy before covid?

Robin Ganahl- Mentioned that David Johnson reached out and was interested in knowing what this would bring to the crossroads neighborhoods.

### **Spire Franchise Agreement**

Robin Ganahl- Wants to make everyone aware that there are members of the committee interested in the process of this agreement. This type of event happens every 10 years.

### **Legislative Priorities**

Robin Ganahl- Proposed having a subcommittee meeting to discuss any legislative priorities for the city. Bo Moreno, Shirley Mata, and Ellen Fairchild are interested in participating in the subcommittee meeting.

### **Upcoming Grant Opportunities**

Robin Ganahl- This will be a reoccurring topic in the agenda. Suggested Beth Pauley take lead on grant committee.

Andy Savastino- Would like the committee to take a role in grant administration.

Lara Isch- Would like the committee to add more information to their grant suggestions when reaching out to the city.

Beth Pauley- Suggested a grant committee be established for tracking and turn around deadlines. Agreed to take lead on grant committee.

### **Public Comment:**

Kelly Gilbert- Wanted to emphasize her support on the Energy code.

Adam Rossi- Suggested more advertisement of the CPRP.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.