

Kansas City, MO Climate Protection Steering Committee (CPSC)
Online Meeting Via Microsoft Teams
October 17, 2022

CPSC Members Present: Robin Ganahl (Chair), Michael Kelley (Vice Chair), Kristin Riott, Shirley Mata, Bo Moreno, Ellen Fairchild, Beth Pauley, Bill Griffith, Bridget Sanderson, Angela Crawford.

Absent CPSC member: Tom Grever.

Staff: Andy Savastino, Lara Isch, Marleny Flores, Matt McKinley, Rachel O’Neal, Kellie Herman – OEQ, Zachary Beyer-FD.

Other Attendees: Marke Geoff, Natalie Gray, Alissa Greenwald, Brian File, Ashley Sadowski, John Santner, Dan Wilkus, Elizabeth Danforth, James, Billy Davies.

Introduction & 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

* Bo Moreno made a motion, seconded by Bill Griffith, to approve the minutes of the meeting on September 19, 2022. The motion passed.

Urban Heat Island Program (Geoff Marke, Office of Public Counsel)-

Geoff Marke presented a slideshow presentation called, “Island in the Sun” Demand Side Management of Urban Heat Islands.

Natalie Gray presented a slideshow presentation called, Urban Heat Island- Local Activity & Everyg’s Go Forward Commitment. Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 09, 2022 from 3: 30p.m- 5:00p.m.

Legislative Priorities (James Owen, Renew Missouri)-

Robin Ganahl notified the committee that James Owen was not able to join the meeting this afternoon. Requested wording be sent to Andy for suggestions on legislative priorities.

Andy Savastino- Notified the committee that the OEQ submitted the legislative priorities last week. The submitted legislative priorities included the following:

- Building Efficiency. Expand funding for programs such as the Weatherization Assistance Program, Low-Income Home energy Efficiency Assistance Program, and others which allow city residents to improve the energy efficiency of their residences and businesses. (Federal)
- Renewable Fuel Standards (RFS). Re-evaluate ethanol fuel stock requirements, subsidies, and mandates to assess environmental impacts on water supplies, downstream water quality, air quality, and carbon emissions; shifts in global climate and food production; and market impacts on rural communities. (Federal)
- Transportation Infrastructure Funding. Develop a uniform national alternative to gas/fuel taxes based on vehicle weights, uses, and miles traveled. Standardize smart technologies to identify on road vehicles for purposes of taxation and traffic law enforcement. (Federal)

Michael Kelley- Suggested adding electrical transportation elements.

Beth Pauley- Informed the committee about a bond being on the local voting ballots for Kansas City to approve affordable housing. Shared link: <https://www.kshb.com/news/local-news/voters-will-be-asked-to-approve-50-million-in-bonds-to-fund-affordable-housing-in-kcmo>

*Michael Kelley made a motion, seconded by Bridget Sanderson, for a recommendation from the CPSC to be included, language regarding accessibility infrastructure as well as specific explanation of electric bikes, under any explanation of electric vehicles. The motion passed.

OEQ Update- Andy Savastino

- Energy Star celebrates its 30th anniversary, EPA is doing a certification Nation campaign right now. Would like to take advantage of that to bring some recognition to the city. There may be 6-7 city facilities that would qualify for certification based on our Energy Star score for those billings. Complying with resolution 181000.
- Solar array project is moving forward. The city is looking for a proposer to address design, construction, engineering, permitting, basically operate and maintain the solar array. RFP closes January 25, 2023.
- Solarize KC sign up deadline is end of October 2022.
- Energy Code passed
- Finished up interviews for OEQ open vacancies should be making announcement soon.
- Spire Rate Case last public hearing is tomorrow- October 18th, 2022 at the Gregg/ Klice Community Center.

Public Comment- None

Other Business- None

November & December CPSC meetings- Robin Ganahl- No CPSC in December 2022. Next meeting on November 21, 2022 at 3:30p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.