



Environmental Management Commission
Meeting Minutes: January 18, 2023
Meeting Location: Online via Microsoft Teams

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

Commissioners Absent: Michael Kelley

Staff: Andy Savastino, Marleny Flores, Lara Isch, Kellie Herman, Regan Tokos, Rachel O’Neal – OEQ. Genevieve Kohn- City Planning & Development. Anne Jordan- Office of Mayor & Council.

Guests: Kelly Gilbert, Don Wallace.

- 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. * Minutes –Nathan Madden made a motion, seconded by Marty Kraft, to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 09, 2022. The motion passed.
- C. Tree Preservation & Protection Ordinance Update
Andy Savastino gave background information of how the Tree Preservation and Protection ordinance came to be. It was part of the work of the KC Green Policy team.
A slide show presentation was presented by Genevieve Kohn on the Tree Preservation & Protection Ordinance. Important dates regarding the ordinance were share as follows:
 - o City Plan Commission: February 7th: time for public testimony, any comments, and questions from commissioners.
 - o If all goes well, the next meeting for the ordinance would be in Neighborhood Planning and Development on February 8th- (Tentative)or anytime in the beginning of February.
- * Marty Kraft made a motion, seconded by Gloria Ortiz Fisher, to submit a formal letter in support of the Tree Preservation and Development Ordinance. The motion passed.
- D. Commission Appointments- Andy Savastino informed the commission that Michael Kelley will be taking a leave of the EMC and CPSC because he is involved in District 5 elections. The outcome of the elections will determine his final status in the committees.

Commissioners emphasized that it is very important to bring to the Mayor’s attention the need for EMC members after the elections.

E. Office of Environmental Quality Report-

- Andy Savastino introduced Regan Tokos as OEQ's new sustainability analyst. Regan Tokos gave a summary of what she will be working on and an overview of her work experience before joining OEQ.
- Solarize Kansas City- Enrollment ended in October 2022 with 657 signups for bids (estimates). Program for residential, commercial, and nonprofits. December 2022 was the cut off to sign up for contracts. Based on the number we have just a little over 100 residential contracts in place.
- Share the Sun- The low- income component of Solarize Kansas City we have \$20,000.00 donated towards the program and the City is contributing \$150,000.00.
- Request for proposal was issued a couple of months ago for solar at the airport and the end date for submission has been extended to February 10,2023
- Energy Code- The City adopted the 2021 IECC a few months ago, becoming the second City in the country to do so. Implementation of that is in July of 2023.
- Budget- Budget has been submitted to the City Manager. The committees will be kept updated with dates of the hearing process and are encouraged to participate in supporting what they see fit in the hearings.
- Streetlights- LED conversion has started. Lara Isch shared the following link to track the progress:
LED Map: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/736e907f32694bc19353aac3323a7ce3/>
 - MoDOT is responsible and will be replacing the purple LED lights that are found around KC, due to a manufacturing defect.
- Kellie Herman- Composting will roll out in City Hall on April 19, 2023. An overview of what the process will be was shared with the committee.
- Grants- Lara has been working on a couple of grants. Keisha from Bridging the Gap brought to the attention of OEQ that ACEEE was offering 100 hours of technical assistance from their staff to help us with our programs around energy efficiency for homeowners. We submitted our application to them, and they have agreed to provide us with recommendations on how the city can pursue energy efficient initiatives that best leverage the energy efficiency efforts. Will also provide recommendations on how to measure and monitor the success of the programs. They will also support us in designing and engaging with external organizations. National Science Foundation Grant- \$50,000.00 planting grant. Application has been submitted.
- CDP Report- We scored on A- on our report.

F. Liaison Report-

G. Old Business - None.

H. New Business – Scott Klam shared information received by Bike Walk KC about push back and intimidation they have received on the protected bike lane project.

I. Remarks from Visitors- none

The next EMC meeting is: DATE: February 08, 2023
TIME: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
PLACE: TBD

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.