



**Environmental Management Commission
Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2010**

Meeting Location: Mid-America Regional Council, 2nd Floor, Westview Meeting Room

Commissioners present: Carol Adams, Carolyn Davies, Scott Jones, Marty Kraft, Camealia Murray, Rachel Norton, Jack Schrimsher, John Ware

Staff: Dennis Murphey, Jerry Shechter, Andy Savastino, Denise Dillard – OEQ; Scott Cahail – Water Services; Matt Gigliotti – Law Dept.

Guests: Ron McLinden – Regional Transit Alliance; Sadie Gardner – Bridging The Gap

Carol Adams, Co-Chair, opened the meeting at 4:10 pm; a quorum was not present

A. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed commissioners, staff and guests to the EMC meeting. Everyone introduced themselves. Jerry Shechter introduced Denise Dillard who is the newly hired OEQ Administrative Assistant for the EnergyWorks KC initiative, funded by the DOE Better Buildings program.

B. Minutes – Action deferred to the next meeting.

C. Office of Environmental Quality – Report/Update – Dennis Murphey

1. EnergyWorks KC – Getting ready for program launch; Hiring staff and developing contracts for Council approval by the end of September. Will contract with the Metropolitan Energy Center for a range of customer services in the neighborhoods. Will contract with Mid-America Regional Council for a range of services including regionalizing the concept, workforce development; regionalizing sustainability education, and addressing local and state policies.
2. Dennis will be in Boston for several days during the week of September 22nd for a meeting of the Urban Sustainability Directors Network.
3. The Mayor's staff (Joan Pu), Burns & McDonnell, Black & Veatch, Bob Berkebile, and Dennis Murphey are working with the Edgar Snow Foundation on the annual Edgar Snow Symposium which is held in Kansas City every other year, alternating with a location in China. The symposium this year will include a panel on Clean Energy and Green Solutions. Karl Brooks, EPA Region 7 Administrator, along with a person from China who is a senior official in Chinese industrial management, will be keynote speakers. A panel on green solutions will be moderated by Bob Berkebile. Another panel on clean energy will be moderated by Dennis Murphey. The symposium will be October 19-20, 2010 at the Ewing M. Kauffman Foundation and is open to the public.
4. Mayor Funkhouser and Councilwoman Gottstein sponsored a KC Food Policy Summit attended by over 200 people on August 20 at the Kauffman Foundation. Officials from Detroit and Seattle discussed their programs re urban agriculture, healthy foods in schools. Scott Cahail noted that Water Services is discussing establishment/clarification of policies for access to water to support urban agriculture.
5. Dee Evans at UMKC (a member of the KCMO Climate Protection Steering Committee) informed Dennis that Sierra Magazine has included an article re a class by Dr. Jim Sheppard that was chosen as one of the top five environmental classes in the USA.

D. KCMO Green Team and green policy implementation – Andy Savastino

1. The City has been working to implement the green solutions policy adopted by City Council and Administrative Regulation AR-5.5 establishing the Green Solutions Steering Committee. There are four working green teams, including the Education & Outreach team headed by Andy Savastino. This team has been working on a way to brand KC going green and it has designed a logo that will

be publicly introduced at a launch event on 9/16/10. A copy of the logo was passed around along with a sample of what the logo will look like on an alternative fuel vehicle. It was noted that Mark VanLoh has agreed to place the logo on the CNG buses at the airport.

2. The kick-off event will be held as a KC Green Fair on 9/16 from 11 am to 2 pm in Ilus Davis Park across 11th St. just north of City Hall. This will allow City employees to showcase and to share sustainable activities in which City departments and other local partners are involved. There will be 23 booths including KCP&L, MGE, Trigen, Metropolitan Energy Center, MARC/Green Impact Zone, KC Center for Urban Agriculture and the regularly-scheduled farmers' market at Ilus Davis Park. Troy Schulte, Councilman Sharp, and Councilwoman Circo will be speaking at the event. OEQ invited the EMC to participate. Andy Savastino suggested a display of the Environmental Achievement Award winners and noted that any Commissioner that has the time is welcome to participate in the OEQ/EMC booth.
3. Related activities
 1. The Green Education & Outreach Team hosted a rain barrel workshop for City staff to learn to build their own rain barrels. Materials for 100 barrels have been donated courtesy of Bridging The Gap.
 2. A KC Green website is being developed to go live concurrent with the event on 9/16. The website will highlight what the City is doing to move toward sustainability, what individuals can do personally, and what the private sector can do.
 3. A project has been undertaken in support of the "Idle Free Zone" resolution by City Council. No Idling signs have been provided by MARC to be posted at various City facilities and other locations in the community.

E. Sustainable Energy Education and Communications (SEEC) – Jerry Shechter

Also to be launched at the event on 9/16 is a new program called "SEEC" which is a 10-month web-based education program. The City's EECBG grant from the US Department of Energy (DOE) is funding the program for all 4,300 municipal employees (not including the Police Department). The program will include 10 modules, with a new module accessible each month. Jerry circulated a copy of the PowerPoint describing the program and noted that OEQ has PowerPoints of each module on CD. Staff committed to putting all modules on flash drives so that Commissioners could check out and view the materials – like a library. Staff has established a system of "SEEC Challenges" involving both intradepartmental and interdepartmental contests with prizes (incentives) for achieving several different milestones.

F. Agenda Planning

1. LEED Initiatives – No report
2. Water Department – No presentation due to the unexpected death of Rich Noll, Interim Department Director.
3. UMKC Coordination – Molly Davies and Dustin Jensen have been talking about this issue. The question arose as to what is the appropriate level of participation at UMKC.
4. Greening the Development Code – The Development Code Advisory Group will meet Tuesday, September 14, 2010 from 2 pm to 4 pm in City Hall. The group includes several EMC Commissioners.
5. Clean Air Action Planning Meeting – There will be a meeting on September 22, 2010 from 8 am to Noon at the Sylvester Powell Community Center in Mission, KS at 6200 Martway.
6. There will be an Open House for the proposed Climate Sustainability Center on September 14, 2010 from 4 pm to 6 pm at the Discovery Center on Troost Avenue.
7. The US Environmental Protection Agency has invited the EMC to participate on a community advisory panel for the development of the government complex on Bannister Rd. The first meeting is to be September 29, 2010 at 7 pm at XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

G. Liaison Updates - None

H. Project Updates – None

I. Old Business - None

J. New Business - Non

K. Remarks and Announcements – None

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2010 at MARC at 4:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm