



**Environmental Management Commission
Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2013**

Meeting Location: Mid-America Regional Council

Commissioners present: Carol Adams, Jensen Adams, Tom Brink, Julie Davis, Elizabeth Fischer, Jim Hansen, Ken Kramme, Robin Martinez, Jason Parson, Jack Schrimsher

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

Guests: Sara Greenwood - Anne McGregor – Sierra Club; The Greenwood Consulting Group; Matt Beilat and Mick Corless – Rockhurst High School students

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm; a quorum was present

- A. Welcome and Introductions - The Chair welcomed commissioners, staff and guests
- B. Minutes – Robin Martinez made a motion, seconded by Jim Hansen, to approve the minutes of October, 2013 as presented. The motion was approved.
- C. Update – East Patrol Division Redevelopment – Jason Parson
This report is abbreviated because team members were unable to attend. Mr. Parson requested time on the December agenda to make a more complete report. This report will be added to the December agenda.
 1. Ground breaking ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2013 at 10:00 am at 26th & Prospect
 2. Sec. 3 goal, for utilizing local area businesses and hiring local labor, has been exceeded
 3. The latest edition of the East Campus Newsletter was distributed
- D. Energy Efficiency Now Initiative – Anne McGregor, Sierra Club
The Sierra Club is asking KCP&L to adopt the Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act (MEEIA) standard, adopted by the State of Missouri in 2009, requiring Missouri's investor owned utilities to pursue all cost-effective measures for energy efficiency in their service areas with the goal of achieving energy savings of 9.9% and demand savings of 9.0% by 2020 relative to 2013. This is a lower achievement goal than adopted in other states and for other utilities. Current incentives offered by KCP&L are voluntary and are not mandated. ACEEE ranks Missouri 43rd among the states in support for energy efficiency. There was discussion focused on several questions from Commissioners. Jensen Adams asked Ms. McGregor to indicate what Sierra Club is doing. She noted the Sierra Club had collected over 2000 signatures in favor of adopting the standard and delivered them to KCP&L. Further, Sierra Club is asking the EMC to consider recommending the City sign on in support of adopting these standards. When asked why the Sierra Club does not go directly to the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC), Ms. McGregor noted there had been such talks and that the PSC rules on what is presented to them by the utilities. And, KCP&L would need to submit a filing for a PSC ruling. It was suggested the EMC invite KCP&L to the December meeting to address this issue.
- E. Work Group Updates
 1. Recognition Awards – Elizabeth Fischer
 - a. The first meeting of the work group was held 11.12.13. Attendees included Elizabeth Fischer, Tom Brink, Andy Savastino, Matt Gigliotti, Ashley Hand
 - b. Current Environmental Achievement Awards are internal awards without external notice/recognition
 - c. The group will look at the current environmental achievement award criteria with regard to recognizing truly innovative work and with regard to general public notice of the recognition action. Ashley Hand, the City's Chief Innovations Officer, expressed interest in increased public knowledge of innovation by City staff.

2. Vacant Lots – Robin Martinez

Mille Crossland made a presentation about the City's open data mapping system and how it could be used to better understand the needs of neighborhoods as well as individual lots. There is a need to identify what data is needed, what data exists, how to pull it together, and what data gaps exist. It was agreed there is the need to focus on vacant lots. The Neighborhoods and Housing Services Department has identified 12 strategy areas which are expected to be central in any recommendations.

F. Office of Environmental Quality – Dennis Murphey

1. The Kansas City Industrial Council (KCIC) held its annual sustainability awards luncheon on 11.15.13. Dennis Murphey moderated a panel discussion titled "Sustainability and the Bottom Line". Incredible success stories were shared. There were good conversations about energy efficiency, renewable energy and water conservation.

2. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hosted a "listening session" on 11.5.13 during which they received opinions and ideas on greenhouse gas reduction from existing power plants. The session was attended by as many as 500 people of which about 90 spoke. Dennis Murphey spoke as a citizen of KCMO as did Carol Adams. The EPA intends to present guidelines to states including a mix of options.

3. Dennis Murphey and Jerry Shechter attended a meeting in Branson, MO, which was the annual meeting of the Heartland Sustainability Directors Network (HSDN). The HSDN is comprised of 17 sustainability directors from Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, and Oklahoma. A work plan for the next year was discussed which includes a grant application for a possible collaborative project on climate resiliency that might include collaboration with state climatologists. Many state climatologists are working on regional implications of climate change. They are trying to address the critical nature of weather scenarios that can reasonably be anticipated and what future should we plan for? The grant application, for up to \$40,000, would be to the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN) and is funded by the Summit Foundation.

4. An RFP for updating greenhouse gas emissions inventories was published jointly by the City of KCMO and Johnson County, KS. Responses have been received and are being reviewed and evaluated. It is expected the contracts will be encumbered by December 31, 2013.

5. Clinton Climate Initiative / HEAL (CCI-HEAL) Program Update – Jerry Shechter

A new program called Home Energy Affordability Loan (HEAL), which is a proprietary program of the Clinton Foundation, has been implemented in pilot program format. The CCI-HEAL program is a first attempt in Kansas City to implement a program designed to engage employers to provide an employee benefit to their employees in the form of financing for making their respective homes more energy efficient. Each employer is responsible, in the long term, to provide a source for financing for loans, based on a comprehensive energy analysis and Personal Energy Plan that is recoverable as a payroll deduction. The City is the Implementation Partner and is paying for the pilot program using EnergyWorks KC (EWKC) funds. This includes establishing a revolving loan fund to support the initial implementation of the program. The Metropolitan Energy Center (MEC) is the Replication Partner providing outreach, energy analyses, personal energy plans and assistance with contracting for the improvements. This is the last new program developed under the EWKC grant. The Metropolitan Energy Center (MEC) has signed a program replication agreement with the Foundation and begun outreach and intake with employers beginning with BNIM Architects. About 30 people attended the first outreach session with about 17 of those attending signing up for the program. The first four energy analyses have been completed.

6. The City Communications Office has published a video on KC Green Neighborhoods which has been posted on YouTube. In the video, the first four neighborhoods recognized as green neighborhoods received their awards and talked about their activities. Jerry was asked to provide everyone with the link to the video.

G. Liaison Updates –

1. Air Quality – Carol Adams – There was a presentation on weather and air quality exceedences.

2. LEED – The facility at Richards Gebauer, which makes non-nuclear parts for nuclear equipment, has received a LEED-Gold designation from the USGBC.

H. Legal Briefing – Matt Gigliotti – No report

I. Old Business - None

J. New Business – None

K. Remarks from Visitors – The high school students attending the meeting said they thought the meeting was interesting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for

December 11, 2013
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Mid-America Regional Council
600 Broadway – 2nd Floor