



**Environmental Management Commission
Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2014**

Meeting Location: Mid-America Regional Council

Commissioners present: Carol Adams, Jensen Adams, Tom Brink, Lance Conley, Caroline Davies, Julie Davis, Rachel Guthrie, Jim Hansen, Julie Koppen, Marty Kraft, Ken Kramme, Robin Martinez, Jack Schrimsher,

Commissioners Absent: Bob Berkebile, Maria Coppock, Sal Madge, Tom Wyrsh

Staff: Dennis Murphey, Andy Savastino and Jerry Shechter – Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ); Matt Gigliotti – Law Department

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm; a quorum was present

- A. Welcome and Introductions - The Chair welcomed commissioners, staff and guests. Newly appointed Commissioners Julie Koppen and Rachel Guthrie were introduced.
- B. Minutes – Ken Kramme made a motion, seconded by Jim Hansen, to approve minutes of the meetings of March, April and May, 2014 as presented. The motion passed.
- C. Environmental Achievement Awards – Molly Davies, Julie Davis, Ken Kramme and Andy Savastino
The awards committee presented their recommendations for awards for 2014. There were five nominations received. Of the five nominations, three are recommended for an award and one was recommended for honorable mention. The three nominees recommended for the award are: (1) Marleen Leonce, Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division, (2) Ryan Robertson, General Services Department, Facilities Services, and (3) Charles Harris and Dale Perkins, General Services Department Services. Honorable mention was recommended for a nomination from the Aviation Department. Following general discussion, Molly Davis made a motion, seconded by Jensen Adams, to accept the recommendations of the awards committee. The motion passed.
- D. Missouri Legislative Report – Matt Gigliotti
 1. 190 bills passed the Legislature this session. Governor Nixon has vetoed ten of the bills.
 2. An amendment to the Clean Water Act (Bill 664) passed that would require M-DNR to evaluate actions obtaining an independent financial report which is already required.
 3. The Clean Water Act changes are noted on the M-DNR website but there is a lack of clarity on the site. The department is now required to do another affordability analysis report and to report to the Legislature.
 4. There is a new requirement that departments of the State of Missouri make more forms available electronically.
 5. There seven (7) ballot issues coming in the Summer and Fall.
 6. The Telecommunications Act became law and will result in cities losing some ability to regulate the industry.
 7. Anti-Agenda 21 legislation was approved by the House but not by the Senate.
 8. Sales tax exemption for electricity bill was vetoed.
- E. Office of Environmental Quality – Dennis Murphey
 1. There has been good progress with the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory update process. A draft will be distributed to the various stakeholders the week of June 16th. It was noted there is some concern about the draft becoming public in this draft form. There is also concern about the report getting out before staff has a chance to present it to the Mayor and City Council.
 2. The City Energy Project Advisory Committee (CEPAC) has met three times. At the last meeting, the President of the Institute for Market Transformation was in Kansas City and made a presentation to the CEPAC about benchmarking large buildings. The June meeting is cancelled in favor of an event on June 30, 2014. The

Energy Efficiency Summit, sponsored by the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the City of KCMO will be held at Union Station in the Chamber Board Room. The Board Room can hold about 150 people and there is currently space for those who might want to attend. The event will be a round table discussion among 22-23 local leaders co-hosted by Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Circo and Chamber Board President Roshan Paris.

3. Missouri Department of Economic Development has asked KC to participate in development of a State Energy Plan.
 4. EPA has released new rules for addressing greenhouse gasses from coal fired power plants. For new plants, additional, advanced technology will be required. For existing power plants, States will be given flexibility to develop plans to address the issues and to achieve GHG reductions.
 5. Dennis is working with Bob Mann, Eileen Horn of Douglas County/Lawrence, Kansas, and Nicole Woodman of Flagstaff, Arizona for a Shadowcliff class. The class is co-sponsored by the National League of Cities and Southwest Airlines. Southwest Airlines is providing free airfare for the first 20 participants.
 6. Dennis expressed his pleasure that, as of July 1, 2014, the City will provide employee bus passes at no cost to the employee. It was also noted that KCATA is converting its fleet to CNG and building its own high-speed fueling station.
 7. On June 27, 2014, there will be a press conference by Jim Heeter, GKC Chamber of Commerce, and Mayor Sly James promoting energy efficiency projects.
 8. Andy Savastino noted that EPA has audited the city's storm water program and that the audit seemed to go well over a four-day period. Matt Gigliotti agreed that it seemed to go well and complimented city staff. Dennis is also pleased about how the audit was handled and Scott Cahail, Water Services, sent an e-mail expressing appreciation of how Andy and Matt managed the process.
 9. City Hall has a newly expanded recycling program element in that all individual trash cans have been removed so there will no longer be picking up at each desk. Each employee is now responsible for placing trash in a central container for pick-up.
 10. Andy Savastino noted that KC Green is participating in the first Boulevardia event sponsored by Boulevard Brewing Co. The event will be June 13-15, 2014 in the West Bottoms.
- F. Task Force on Sustainable and Beneficial Uses of Vacant Lots – Robin Martinez
The Task Force has distributed a draft outline for the Task Force report to the EMC, which Mr. Martinez made available to the Commissioners. The Task Force is soliciting input/feedback. The anticipated schedule is:
- June 23, 2014 - the Task Force is breaking into sub-groups to work on preliminary drafts of the various report sections.
 - June 23 – July 6 – group editing
 - July 9, 2014 – bring the draft report to the EMC
 - July-August – solicit EMC feedback
 - September, 2014 – present the final report to the EMC
- G. Liaison Updates –
1. City Energy Project – Tom Brink – Tom stated he believes the process is off to a good start.
 2. Air Quality Forum – Carol Adams and Dennis Murphey
 - a. MARC has an excellent RideShare Program which is now offering single rides free of charge. This approach can be created for individual employers.
 - b. Carol distributed a limited number of documents on the power plant regulations proposed by EPA. Next month, the entire Air Quality Forum agenda will be devoted to this topic. The meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2014 from 10 am to 11 am.
 - c. Sierra Clubs interested people willing to work on the sulfur dioxide (SO₂) one-hour rule
 - d. There will be several hearings in Jefferson City
 - (1) June 16th - 10 am – Air pollution fees; Rule making for this issue is critically important for revenue to allow for inspections
 - (2) June 26th – 10 am – One-hour SO₂ standard
 - (3) July 14th – 10 am – Power plant regulation. The EPA rules have not yet been published in the Federal Register. When published, there will be a 120 day comment period. EPA intends to have the new rules in place within one year. For new plants, the issue is primarily stack emissions limits. For existing plants, a State plan can address “off site” issues such as energy efficiency programs. There appears to be a possible wedge between utilities and the coal industry.

3. LEED – Jim Hansen

- a. Jim provided background for Commissioners about the City's LEED Standards Committee. A meeting of the committee was just held and there may be quarterly meetings scheduled. The Committee reviewed several projects with LEED certifications. LEED addresses both construction and operation of the building. A question was posed as to what actually constitutes a "construction project". A sub-committee has been established to establish guidelines for such projects as replacement of pumps as opposed to building renovation, etc. There is no LEED category for some activities and guidelines, such as ENERGY STAR® might be applied/required.
- b. There is concern that some ordinances might be in conflict with LEED and other applications. This might apply to allowable plant height in yards, etc and some modernization might be needed. It was noted it is possible to make plantings look intentional but this may be hard to codify. Mart Kraft noted the All Species Project developed a guideline that was to be presented to the City some time ago but that this process has never been completed.

H. Old Business – None

- I. New Business – Membership terms are an issue as quite few Commissioners' terms are expiring in 2014. Each Commissioner was asked to declare if he or she wishes to continue as a Commissioner.

J. Remarks – by new Commissioners

1. Julie Koppen – Greenability Magazine is now being printed by Posty Cards and is, for the first time, 100% recycled paper – inside and out. Since the Posty Cards building has LEED-Platinum certification, they may be the only LEED-Platinum printer in the country. And, as a renter from Posty Cards, Greenability may be the only LEED-Platinum magazine in the country. Julie distributed advance copies of the new Greenability issue which is focused on renewable energy.
2. Rachel Guthrie – Rachel indicated she is a 3rd year attorney at Stinson Leonard. She is interested in addressing Styrofoam and plastic bags. Dennis noted that Oklahoma City had just purchased a machine allowing them to recycle Styrofoam.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for

July 9, 2014 at 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Mid-America Regional Council
600 Broadway – 2nd floor - Westview Room