



Environmental Management Commission

Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2015

Meeting Location: Mid-America Regional Council, Westview Room

Commissioners present: Carol Adams, Jensen Adams, Caroline Davies, Julie Davis, Jim Hansen, Kimberly Hill, Julie Koppen, Marty Kraft, DJ Pierre, Ben Proffer, Jack Schrimsher

Commissioners Absent: Bob Berkebile, Maria Coppock, Gloria Ortiz Fisher, Rachel Guthrie, Robin Martinez

Staff: Dennis Murphey, Jerry Shechter – Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ); Matt Gigliotti – Law Department; Marleen Leonce – Public Works/Solid Waste; Eric Bosch – General Services/City Architect

Guests: None

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 who introduced themselves.
- B. Minutes – Ben Proffer made a motion, seconded by Jim Hansen, to approve minutes of the meeting of June 2015 as amended. The motion passed.
- C. North Patrol Project – Eric Bosch - Provided an audio-visual presentation of the project as it is to be built
 1. The new building will house a community room, that the current station does not have, allowing for various community meetings as well as a small conference room. There will be two patios – one for public use and one for police use – and a parking lot cover that is designed, and will be wired, to accept solar panels. The building will be about 25,000 sf, which is twice the size of the current facility, and will be built to LEED-Gold standards using lots of natural materials such as wood, stone, etc.
 2. Bids are due in July 14th with a projected construction start in September 2015.
 3. The project is on land owned by the airport on Prairie View Rd.
 4. It is planned that the current station will be sold for other uses after being vacated.
 5. Mr. Bosch offered to provide one or more updates as appropriate.
- D. Environmental Achievement Awards – Julie Koppen
Five nominations were received this year. Several of the applications were short on data/information about what they have achieved and, as a result, more information was requested. Both of the two that were held are considered appropriate for recognition resulting in four awards for 2015. Ben Proffer noted that one that was held is significantly above and beyond the minimum standard. The August EMC meeting will be devoted to the celebration which will be held at MARC in the Board Room.
- E. Green and Sustainable Procurement Policy Ordinance – Dennis Murphey
It was noted that an unsigned copy of the EMC endorsement of the ordinance was distributed to the Mayor and City Council at the Business Session on July 2nd. The Ordinance was heard in the Finance, Ethics and Governance Committee this morning and received support for “Advance and Do Pass” for adoption at the Legislative Session tomorrow. Tracking will be added to the KCStat process. The City Manager will circulate an Administrative Regulation and will form an implementation group designated as the Resource Management Green Team. This group will be co-chaired by Dennis Murphey and Cedric Rowan, Procurement Manager. Dennis highlighted the elements of the ordinance.
- F. New Council and Sustainability Planning – Dennis Murphey will make a presentation to the new council at the Business Session on August 13th that will include Sustainability and the Climate Protection Plan – all within 30 minutes. Carol Adams asked that the new council be invited to the Environmental Achievement Awards celebration.
- G. Office of Environmental Quality - Dennis Murphey
 1. Nine of 12 City Council members will be new as of August 1, 2015. The Mayor will be considering whether to keep the current committees and committee assignments. This will include committee chairs and members, and Mayor Pro Tem. There was general discussion about committees and expected impact on sustainability related issues and programs.

2. Sustainability Circles – Jerry Shechter – Jerry provided a brief recap of what sustainability circles are and who is involved. The process is now in the 4th of 6 months with a final Sustainability Action Plan to be submitted in September. Pending the status of the submission of the plan, staff was asked to provide an update to the EMC in September.
3. Dennis received a letter from the Missouri Energy Initiative (MEI) about their having created a new PACE financing mechanism which is the second such entity in Missouri. The other is the Missouri Clean Energy District. The new entity, which is initially capitalized at \$50 million, claims the capability to be interest rate competitive. There was general discussion about PACE.
4. The sustainability manager in Lincoln, NB, who is the Sr. Policy Aide to the Mayor, sent us a link to the “Climate Disruption Index” recently published by the Weather Channel. The Index ranks the top 25 cities projected to be vulnerable to climate change. A high proportion of the top ten are Midwest cities including Kansas City at No. 5. Dennis will send the link to the document.

H. Liaison Updates

1. Air Quality – Carol Adams; No report; However, there was a brief discussion about the recent ruling by the US Supreme Court.
2. LEED – Jim Hansen; No report
3. CEP – Jensen Adams – The CEP Advisory Committee met in June. City Council passed the “Energy Empowerment” Ordinance and a companion resolution. The CEP outreach plan should be drafted this week. The 2016 Mayor’s Energy Challenge is being discussed in terms of taking it metrowide. Several workshops have been scheduled for the next several months. A large workshop, to be held in August, is being planned and facilitated by MARC to focus on issues of regional impact. The Energy Foundation is extending its funding for the CEP staff person at the Greater KC Chamber of Commerce. Jensen also noted that EPA may be adding metrics for solid waste into the online Portfolio Manager program.
4. Solid Waste – Rachel Guthrie; No report
5. Climate Protection Steering Committee – Bob Berkebile; No report

I. Legal Brief – Matt Gigliotti; No report

J. Priorities for 2015-2016

- Westport Garden Club
- Sustainability Circles – Update
- Retreat to strategize priorities
- Tour of City facilities – New parking lot at Water Services Department

K. Old Business

1. Jerry Shechter - Vacant Properties Task Force - Center for Community Progress (CCP) grant application has been submitted asking for assistance in data aggregation for vacant properties.
2. Environmental Achievement Awards are scheduled for next month. Carol Adams asked staff to make sure that all appropriate parties are sent invitations to the event. She also noted that provision of refreshments is voluntary.

L. New Business – None

M. Visitors’ Remarks - None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm

The next regular monthly meeting is:

Environmental Achievement Awards
August 12, 2015 at 4:00 pm
Mid-America Regional Council
600 Broadway, 2nd Floor - Board Room
Kansas City, MO