



**Environmental Management Commission
Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2016**

Meeting Location: MARC, Westview Room, 2nd Floor, 600 Broadway, KCMO

Commissioners present: Carol Adams, Jensen Adams, Caroline (Molly) Davies, Gloria Ortiz Fisher, Jim Hansen, Kimberly Hill, Marty Kraft, Jack Schrimsher

Commissioners Absent: Bob Berkebile, Julie Koppen Rachel Guthrie, Seft Hunter, Robin Martinez, DJ Pierre, Ben Proffer, Emily Truebner

Staff: Dennis Murphey, Jerry Shechter – OEQ; Matt Gigliotti

Guests: Anne McGregor, Sierra Club

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm; No quorum was present

- A. Welcome and Introductions – Co-chair Carol Adams welcomed commissioners, staff, and guests who introduced themselves.
- B. Minutes – Consideration of the minutes of the meeting of September, 2016 was deferred to the next meeting.
- C. Dakota Access Pipeline – Dennis Murphey
A resolution regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline to be brought in front of City Council is being developed and docketing is being considered. It was noted that St. Louis and Cleveland have already adopted such resolutions.
- D. Retreat Priorities
 1. Green Education working group – Jensen Adams reiterated the history and context of the work group. The group expects to develop a white paper making the argument for addressing green schools, tools and challenges based on the three pillars: environment, health and energy efficiency of facilities (i.e., green schools). There was discussion of potential involvement of the Mayor and potential involvement of MARC. It was suggested there might be a challenge created for schools to become green. It was also suggested that consideration of schools being a greater emergency management resource.
- E. Liaison Reports
 1. Air Quality – Carol Adams noted the area has been determined “ok” in terms of ozone season under the new standards. The area has been declared in SO₂ attainment.
 2. LEED – no report
 3. City Energy Project – Jensen Adams
 - October is Energy Awareness Month.
 - The Mayor’s Energy Challenge is on-going.
 - There will be a City-USGBC meeting on October 26th at the KC Design Center titled “Beyond Benchmarking”.
 - EPA has a new recognition program for design of tenant spaces
 4. Solid Waste Planning – no report.
 5. Climate Protection Steering Planning – no report
 6. Vacant Planning – no report.
 7. Health Commission – no report
 8. Water Cost of Service Task Force – Will be a meeting at the end of October.
- F. Office of Environmental Quality – Dennis Murphey gave a brief overview of several items:
 1. The City’s STAR application has been submitted and staff is waiting for any review comments. The final rating is expected in November. Staff will make a presentation to the City Council at Business Session on December 1, 2016. Dennis suggested asking Aaron Shroyer to present STAR to the EMC in December or January.

2. Climate Resilience Workshop was held September 28-29 which was sponsored by the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES) with funding from Bank of America. The workshop was hosted by the Climate Action Champions to promote regional collaboration on resilience planning. The core of the activities was a self-assessment tool developed for the United Nations by AECOM and IBM. A benefit was participation by the KCMO Office of Emergency Management which now intends to include climate in our emergency management planning.

G. Legal Brief – No report

H. Old Business – Deferred to the next meeting

I. New Business

1. Marty Kraft – The Heartland All Species Project has garden spaces on Tracy at which he intends to teach gardeners carbon smart gardening. The focus is to facilitate more environmental awareness of gardeners. He is also building a bio-char maker and has a chipper that will be used to add limbs to charcoal.
2. Jackson County Extension is supportive of workshops on environmental and sustainable education.
3. Johnson County Community College is composting with technology to capture odors and emissions.

J. Visitor Remarks

1. Anne McGregor, Sierra Club asked if the City has been considering the Emerald Ash Borer. Dennis responded yes, that the Parks & Recreation Department has already been treating trees.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm

The next EMC meeting is:

November 9, 2016 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
MARC
600 Broadway, 2nd Floor - Westview Meeting Room