



**Environmental Management Commission  
Meeting Minutes April 12, 2017**

Meeting Location: Health Department, 2400 Troost Ave, KCMO

Commissioners present: Carol Adams, Bob Berkebile, Caroline (Molly) Davies, Jim Hansen, Kimberly Hill, Robin Martinez, DJ Pierre, Ben Proffer, Jack Schrimsher

Commissioners Absent: Jensen Adams, Gloria Ortiz Fisher, Rachel Guthrie, Seft Hunter, Julie Koppen, Marty Kraft, Nacente Seabury, Emily Truebner

Staff: Dr. Rex Archer, Naser Jouhari and Stacie Duitman – Health Department; Jerry Shechter – OEQ; Matt Gigliotti – Law;

Guests: None

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

- A. Welcome and Introductions – Co-chairs Carol Adams and Bob Berkebile welcomed commissioners, staff, and guests who introduced themselves.
- B. Minutes – A motion was made by Ben Proffer, seconded by Molly Davies, to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 8, 2017; the motion passed.
- C. KCMO Health Department, Environmental Programs – Dr. Archer, Director  
Overall assumption – there is overlap between public health and environmental management.  
Dr. Archer recommended people go to YouTube and watch “A Tale of Two Zip Codes”
  - See handouts including a copy of the PowerPoint presentation. References were made to several specific slides.... The human eye, why we exist and Dr. Martin Luther King.
  - There was general discussion and questions and responses.
  - For better ties between the EMC and the Health Department, Dr. Archer asked that Naser Jouhari be put on the EMC meeting notice list.
- D. The Climate Emergency – continued discussion. Carol Adams asked that the issue of a resilience strategy be put on a future agenda. See handout drafts.
- E. Retreat Priorities
  1. Education – No report
- F. Liaison Reports
  1. Air Quality Forum – The Forum met with an interesting agenda regarding growth scenarios. More information will be available at the next meeting.
  2. LEED – No report
  3. Solid Waste Planning – No report
  4. Climate Protection Steering Committee – Bob Berkebile – Aaron Shroyer made the same presentation about STAR as he did for the EMC.
  5. Vacant Lots – Robin Martinez – Water Services Department may acquire vacant properties for storm water run-off control activities
  6. Health Commission – No report
  7. Water Cost of Service Task Force – Carol Adams – No report
- G. Office of Environmental Quality – Jerry Shechter
  1. Dennis Murphey was in Jefferson City today offering testimony on SB 458, sponsored by Sen. Jason Holsman. He addressed an element of the Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act (MEEIA) which prohibits low and moderate

income multifamily housing developments that have received Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC), and/or Historic Preservation Tax Credits, from also being eligible for energy efficiency rebates from utilities. This has an impact on many developments including the Passive Haus multifamily development at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Delaware. The City has an interest in this development having committed funding support from several sources.

2. The next reporting deadline under the Energy Empowerment Program is May 1, 2017. This deadline requires energy use by private sector buildings of 100,000 square feet or more to be reported in addition to City buildings. The next reporting deadline, of May 1, 2018, adds private sector buildings of 50,000 square feet or more.
3. April 22, 2017 is the March for Science in Washington Square Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 29, 2017 is the Peoples' Climate March, in Washington Square Park, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
4. Paseo High School students will participate in an Earth Day event at Science City on April 22, 2017 addressing perceptions of the environment.
5. All three general obligation bonds passed.

H. Legal Brief – Matt Gigliotti –

- a. Since 2010, the State of Missouri has had a clean water and a drinking water revolving loan fund. A decision was made to reduce the administrative fee, effective 1.1.18, to 0.5% from 1.0%. Cities, the borrowers, will have to pay less for loans allowing more available for programs.
- b. The Missouri Clean Water Commission will have new commissioners installed and there will be no new actions until that takes place.

I. Old Business – Ben Proffer expressed concern about HB 340 which adds fees to utility bills for use of solar PV.

J. New Business –

1. 2017 Conflict of Interest forms are to be submitted to the City Clerk by May 1, 2017. Blank forms are available at this meeting for Commissioners to complete and return to Jerry Shechter who will deliver them to the Clerk's Office. Those not in attendance will need to find a way to meet the deadline.
2. For the May, 2017 meeting, neither Dennis Murphey nor Jerry Shechter will be available. Commissioners decided to have a workshop session on climate change and resilience ... see handouts. , EMC should consider participating in formulating a strategy for resilience action and should provide feedback to Tom Jacobs at MARC. Molly Davies committed to taking meeting notes.

K. Visitor Remarks – None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm

**The next EMC meeting is:            May 10, 2017  
                                                         4:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
                                                         Health Department, Multipurpose Room on the lower level  
                                                         2400 Troost Ave.**