

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Online via Microsoft Teams



Commissioners Present: Marty Kraft, Carol Adams, Scott Klamm, Caroline (Molly) Davies

Commissioners absent: Michael Kelley

Staff: Sarah Benal, Andy Savastino, Jensen Adams, Stephanie Dresen, Ansley Hamid, Vicki Peters, Kacey Eis, Kellie Herman

Guests: Theresa Garza, Shaylyn Dean, Paris Frierson, Don Wallace

- A. Chair Carol Adams welcomed commissioners, staff, and guests.
- B. Minutes – Carol made a motion to approve the minutes. The Commission approved the minutes as drafted.
- C. Draft Organizational Changes Discussion
 - a. Ordinance No. 240825 is held in Legal Committee
 - b. The proposed ordinance eliminates the Climate Protection Steering Committee and moves its functions to the Environmental Management Commission. The ordinance also reduces the EMC to nine members.
- D. Office of Environmental Quality Report
 - a. Solar for All – OEQ is part of a collaborative out of Cleveland. The negotiations with the EPA are still ongoing.
 - b. Environmental Justice Government to Government – OEQ will work with Ivanhoe Neighborhood to do lead abatement work. We have completed negotiations with the EPA and the grant is about to go to Council. The Office of Environmental Quality will be hiring an Environmental Justice advocate as part of the project and will serve as a liaison between the City and Ivanhoe.
 - c. Bloomberg American Sustainable Cities – We are working on hiring an I-Team director and Design Professional to assist the City in the intersection of climate action and Black wealth building.
 - d. Building Performance Standards – OEQ staff has been negotiating with the Department of Energy regarding the details for a grant agreement for developing/passing Building Performance Standards.
 - e. CFI – OEQ is in negotiations with the Federal Highway Administration focused on electric vehicle charging and discussions on scope. The basic project is to identify a number of charging sites throughout the EJ communities, particularly on City property.
 - f. MARC Solid Waste Management District – The grant will focus on implementing waste diversion such as recycling and composting at city permitted events. The project will involve hosting two events in each district then collect data from event attendees.
 - g. Community Change Grant – OEQ has submitted an application for this grant.
 - h. USDA – OEQ is a subrecipient under Cultivate KC and is hiring a Food Policy Coordinator.
 - i. The City has a new Director of Planning: Mario Vasquez
- E. Liaison Reports
 - a. Carol Adams attended the Air Quality Forum, which included a report about weatherization asthma studies and the transportation plan update. There was also discussion about building performance standards and the building code.

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A. Old Business

- a. There was no old business.

B. New Business

- a. There was no new business.

C. Remarks from Visitors

- b. The Commissioners will wait for Andy regarding updates on when the committee moves forward regarding organizational changes and will determine if they will write discussion points for submitting testimony.

D. Adjourn

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 13, 2024- 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Microsoft Office Teams

There will be general discussion regarding current environmental issues. The Commission may vote to go into Closed Session pursuant to RSMo Section 610.021 subsection 1 or subsection 3, during or after the meeting to discuss designated items.

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