



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Environment and Energy Commission

Tuesday, February 23, 2016
7:00 PM

Regular

City Hall
701 E. Broadway
Conference Room 1A

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jan Dye called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

City Staff: Barbara Buffaloe (City Liaison), Jenny Veltrop (Water & Light Liaison)

Guests: Ann Koenig, Chair of the Columbia Tree Task Force, students from the University of Missouri

Present: 8 - Craig Bunger, Jan Dye, Kenneth Midkiff, Dick Parker, Nick Peckham, Jean Sax, Esther Stroh and Alyce Turner

Absent: 1 - Harley Wilcox

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 26, 2016 minutes were approved with a motion from Jan Dye and a second by Dick Parker. Motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL AND ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with a motion from Dick Parker to move the Renewable Energy Report to Staff Reports, second from Jan. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

a. Ann Koenig, Chair of the Columbia Tree Task Force presented a letter to EEC regarding the Task Force's activities and asking for the EEC's support on the proposed changes to the tree ordinance [29-4.5]. She presented the changes and answered questions. See attached letter.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Renewable Energy Report review moved to Staff Reports.

VII. CHAIR / VICE-CHAIR / COMMITTEE REPORTS (as necessary)

a. Land, Water and Air Subcommittee - no report.
Land Disturbance, Water Quality, Air Quality Issues

b. Energy Use, Efficiency, and Conservation Subcommittee

Renewable Energy, Transportation Fuels, Recycling

1) Review Proposition 1 on March ballot - This proposition is not about approving or opposing roll carts, it is about not disputing the right to continue discussing it and voting on it at a later time. Roll carts would save money and employee injuries. Pay as you throw increases recycling rates. They are convenient, more pleasing to the eye, easier to store and easier for people to move, as they are on wheels. Alyce Turner asked how many plastic trash bags are used in the city. Barbara Buffaloe answered over three million black and blue bags, and blue bags are not recyclable. Ken Midkiff stated he likes the idea of pay as you throw. Many times he does not put out trash but still has to pay the same amount as his neighbor who puts out a lot of trash.

c. Human and Built Environments

Building Codes, Outdoor Lighting, Rental Property Efficiency

1) BCCC Review Report - Jan Dye wrote a cover letter to the mayor asking him to review the changes proposed by the EED regarding energy efficiency of buildings. The letter was reviewed and edited by the EEC members. Dick Parker made a motion to pass the letter with a second from Alyce Turner. Motion passed unanimously. See attached letter.

2) Home Energy Scores - The EEC discussed home energy scores and drafted a cover letter to send to city council asking for review of a proposed provision to the ordinance regarding rental certificates [22-186]. See attached letter and proposed changes. Report tabled until next meeting.

d. Outreach Subcommittee

Service Learning, Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement, Environmental Awards

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

a. 2016 Renewable Energy Report - The EEC reviewed the 2016 Renewable Energy Report and noted that the report very closely mirrored the report from the previous year. The goal for 2018 is 15% and currently we are at 6/8%; the quantity of renewable energy has declined from 2014 to 2015. The EEC revised the draft letter from last year's renewable energy report to reflect the current issues. Motion was passed to submit the letter with the changes made. See attached letter.

IX. COMMENTS OF VISITORS

No new comments.

X. COMMENTS OF MEMBERS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

No new announcements.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Jan Dye made a motion to adjourn with a second from Esther Stroh. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

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