



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Final

Climate and Environment Commission

Tuesday, August 27, 2024
6:00 PM

Regular
REVISED AGENDA

Conference Room 1A
City Hall
701 E Broadway
Columbia, MO 65205

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to order at 6:00

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Present: 13 - Linda Godwin, Ryan Kaufmann, Matthew Ludden, Leanne Tippet Mosby, Abra Spisso, Jessica Norris, David Adams, David Huhman, Alexis Hall, Richard Shanker, Eric Kvam, Andrew Sell and Kira Smith

Excused: 1 - Emily Gustafson

Absent: 1 - Roni Becherer

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Spisso, received a second and passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes of the July 2024 CEC meeting was made by Spisso and passed unanimously

Attachments: [DRAFTMeetingMinutes_24-Jul-2024](#)

V. SPECIAL ITEM

Attachments: [CATSO Overview May 2023.pptx](#)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Attachments: [WLAB Renewable Ordinance Recommendations 7-24-24 - Copy](#)
[CEC comments on WLAB RE ord doc 7.23.24](#)
[WLAB Renewable Ordinance Recommendations Final](#)

City staff provided an update on the schedule for the WLAB's final renewable ordinance recommendations being provided to the City Council at a work session sometime after October. City staff informed the members of the commission of their (members') opportunity to provide written comments to City Council regarding WLAB's final recommendations.

The consensus of commission members was that this opportunity would be helpful to them in developing the Commission's final comments.

Commission members stated opinions regarding the need to provide independent and informed recommendations.

Commission members expressed confusion about how the WLAB arrived at the incremental goal stated in the final recommendations.

A member reiterated the intent of the collaboration with the WLAB not solely to identify areas of agreement and also to identify areas where the bodies disagree.

City staff informed the members of the commission that the Chair of the WLAB indicated a willingness to answer CEC member questions about the final recommendations in advance of or at the CEC's next meeting.

Commission members agreed to send questions regarding the WLAB's final recommendations to City Staff prior to the next meeting. Staff will pass along questions to WLAB chair or City Staff as appropriate.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

The question of whether or not to reduce the number of members constituting a quorum as stated in the CEC's establishing legislation was introduced by a member of the CEC for discussion at the next meeting.

The question of the reasons for and ways to reduce the amount of cardboard be disposed in the sanitary landfill was introduced by a member of the CEC for discussion at the next meeting.

VIII. REPORTS

Attachments: [Commission Procedures - UPDATED 8.27.24](#)

The Chair discussed the Updated Commission Procedures regarding agenda item process, outside work, attendance and public comment. The Chair provided an update on a meeting attended by several members regarding the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Sustainability Staff provided updates on the following topics:

New OS staff members starting 09/03,

The 2023 annual report has been submitted for review and final design

Doug Tallamy presentation will be at the Rock Quarry House 9-11am on October 25, 2024

The Draft Grant agreement for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure grant has been sent to FHWA HQ

MDC has not renewed the partial funding agreement for the Community Conservationist

a CEC member question regarding the Sunshine Law was answered by City legal staff.

Hardesty-Norris's motion: "CEC Chair will write a sparse letter to City Council in support of replacing the MDC portion of funding for the Community Conservation position with budgeted City funds" was seconded and passed unanimously.

IX. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Members provided comments regarding task updates and process for providing updates.

Members were encouraged to attend public events sponsored by the CEC.

Members commented on the role of CATSO and their interaction with community members, public entities and private entities.

Members reported on the Missouri Energy Code Collaborative meeting and the number and frequency of meetings.

Members of the Public provided comments on the review of the renewable energy ordinance and renewable energy purchase options; contents of the Minutes; the business of the CEC related to CATSO and announced the Walk for the Climate September 22 1pm County Courthouse.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE - SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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