

ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY COMMISSION

City of Columbia & County of Boone
City Hall, Conference Room 1A

Minutes of Tuesday, March 22, 2016

Present: Esther Stroh, Dick Parker, Nick Peckham, Alyce Turner, Jan Dye, Ken Midkiff, Harley Wilcox, James Owen, Jean Sax

Absent: Craig Bunger

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

Guests: Madelyne Maag, Student journalist with Vox Magazine

CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

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

James Owen was introduced as a new county appointed member. Mr. Owen stated he is from Springfield and resides in Columbia. He is employed by the State in Jefferson City. He was previously a member of the Springfield-Greene County Environmental Advisory Board.

MINUTES

Jan Dye called to approve the February 23, 2016 minutes as written. Nick Peckham made a motion with a second from Esther Stroh. Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA

Jean Sax asked to have a discussion about adding the Tree Task Force to the agenda. Home energy score discussion was moved to unfinished business. Motion to accept the proposed agenda change was called by James Owen with a second by Esther Stroh. Motion accepted.

PRESENTATIONS

No presentations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Home Energy Scores – Changes were made to the letter to council and accepted by the EEC. Nick Peckham called a motion with a second by Esther Stroh to attach the ordinance and present it to council. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Tree Task Force – Jean Sax reported that the Tree Task Force became disbanded as of March 15. Ken Midkiff suggested writing a letter asking for the task force to be allowed to continue. Jean Sax will draft the letter.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

CHAIR / VICE-CHAIR / COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Land, Water and Air Subcommittee – no report.
Land Disturbance, Water Quality, Air Quality Issues
- b. Energy Use, Efficiency, and Conservation Subcommittee – no report.
Renewable Energy, Transportation Fuels, Recycling
- c. Human and Built Environments – no report.

Building Codes, Outdoor Lighting, Rental Property Efficiency

STAFF REPORTS

- a. Building codes – The discussion on building codes was tabled at last month’s meeting. They will be introduced at the April 4 City Council meeting and will go for first reading on April 18. A date for public hearing will be set at that time.

- b. Alyce Turner mentioned a topic that happened at the March 7 city council meeting where a woman whose husband is on the Building Code Commission went before the council. She disapproved of the EEC members making change recommendations to the energy building codes and then sending them straight to council without any discussion with the Building Code Commission. Nick Peckham mentioned that last summer he requested that the EEC work with other boards and commissions, including the Building Codes Commission, to improve communication and avoid duplication of effort. Barbara Buffaloe confirmed that a letter was sent to several agencies - P&Z, Steve Reichlin; BCCC, Fred Malicoat; HPC, Robert Tucker; W&L, John Conway; DLC, Brent Gardner - last year asking for contacts and a round table. Those agencies responded with their contacts but only one agency responded with an answer, stating they wanted the City Council to put together the round table. Nick Peckham made a motion to resend the letter pursuing a round table regarding building codes and James Owen seconded. Dick Parker stated that maybe resending the letter should wait until the next EEC meeting to discuss the issue further. Jan Dye will draft a cover letter to present at the next EEC meeting. Barbara Buffaloe will forward a copy of the original for the EEC members to review. Motion made by Nick Peckham to resend the letter was withdrawn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ken Midkiff announced the MKT Trail will be closing for several months as part of the Flat Branch Sewer Relief project to catch up on infrastructure. The trail may be allowed to be open on weekends and during events.

ADJOURNMENT

Nick Peckham made a motion to adjourn with a second from Ken Midkiff. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.