



# City of Columbia, Missouri

## Meeting Minutes

### Climate and Environment Commission

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Thursday, April 18, 2024  
6:00 PM

701 E Broadway  
Columbia MO  
Conference Room 1C

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

CEC Chair, Leanne Tippet Mosby, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

#### II. INTRODUCTIONS

**Members of the public present: Carolyn Amparan and Dick Parker**

**Present:** 10 - Linda Godwin, Ryan Kaufmann, Leanne Tippet Mosby, Abra Spisso, Emily Gustafson, David Huhman, Alexis Hall, Richard Shanker, Eric Kvam and Andrew Sell

**Excused:** 5 - Matthew Ludden, Roni Becherer, Jessica Norris, David Adams and Kira Smith

#### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion made by Huhman, and seconded by Spisso. Motion to approve the agenda passed.**

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion made by Spisso, and seconded by Godwin. Motion to approve the March Meeting Minutes passed.**

March Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [CECMeetingMinutes3\\_26\\_24\\_DRAFT](#)

#### V. SPECIAL ITEMS

## CAAP Team Update

**Attachments:** [CAAP Teams Update 4\\_18\\_24](#)

Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) Priority Action Teams Update made by Sarah Olsen, Environmental Programs Coordinator for the Office of Sustainability.

Good Stewards-Natural Resources team update: The team is working through the EPA Green Infrastructure Tool to assess City of Columbia's land use, water quality, and climate equity policies, programs, and projects. The group discussed the Stormwater BMP inventory and maintenance plan.

Clean Energy: Discussed how to reach low-middle income customers through education and assessed potential communication tools.

Resource Stewardship: Working with the Building Energy Analysis Manager (BEAM) to assist with building performance benchmarking policy implementation.

Healthy Housing: Completed rental home energy efficiency map. Staff walked the CEC through the map.

Clean Transportation: Exploring pathways for implementing the Fleet Electrification plan.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

Water and Light Advisory Board activities on Renewable Energy Ordinance and Energy Efficiency Programs Revisions

**Attachments:** [2024-Renewable-Energy-Plan-draft-1-31-24](#)

Utility Services staff will present on Water and Light Advisory Board activities at a future meeting. 100% Renewable Energy Coalition presented to W&L Advisory Board and offered to present to CEC at a future meeting. 100% Renewable Energy Coalition members do not agree on best date for achieving 100% renewable energy. CEC discussed the possibility of creating an ad hoc commission between CEC and W&L Advisory Board to provide input on renewable energy plan - subject to W&L Advisory Board participation. Kaufman and Hall volunteered. Chair will reach out to W&L Advisory Board about creating an ad hoc group.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

Review and update priorities (pages 15-18 of Annual report) and current task list

**Attachments:** [2022-CAAP-Report](#)

[CEC Task List - Sheet1](#)

CEC provides a narrative (1-page) recap on climate action in the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Annual Report. CEC has provided a list of priorities at the end of the narrative. Must finalize priorities at next meeting. Group discussed priorities to add or remove. Sectors/topics amended include energy, health, safety and wellbeing and equity. Chair will write first draft and disseminate to CEC members for feedback before next meeting.

Annual report scheduling

## VIII. STAFF REPORT

Hempel shared with the commission that some Office of Sustainability staff will attend the Growing Sustainability Conference in Dubuque, where Corrina McClee will present on community engagement. Staff is also finishing the final steps of completing the EECBG voucher application for the PV project at the Armory.

## IX. CHAIR REPORT

Tippet Mosby shared information about activities and the schedule for Earth Day.

## X. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Commissioner Rick Shanker: Reported that he spoke with Eric and the codes commission. In this meeting it was stated that the City is not currently requiring programmable thermostats. Clarification was provided to Shanker on the difference between smart and programmable thermostats. Shanker spoke with Dave Sorrel about electric smart meters. According to the conversation with Sorrel the City will not have smart meters for at least another year.

Commissioner Emily Gustafson: City Hall Monarch Garden has been inducted into Grow Native's Gardens of Excellence program. This is the first garden in Columbia to be inducted into the program. Danielle Fox will host the Gardens of Excellence event in front of City Hall on June 8th from 1-4 PM.

Guest Dick Parker: Provided his account of the Water and Light Advisory Board meeting from 4/16/24.

Guest Carolyn Amparan: Provided commentary on the Rental Energy Efficiency Standards project and provided advice on how the commission should operate.

## XII. NEXT MEETING DATE - May 28, 2024

## XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Rick Shanker moved to adjourn the meeting. Ryan Kaufmann seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.