



Department Source: Sustainability

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 19, 2019

Re: Report on proposed commission monitoring implementation of Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for City Council's consideration a report providing options for the establishment of a City Council-appointed commission to monitor and report on the implementation of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP), adopted by Policy Resolution 89-19. The purpose of the commission is to advise City staff on reporting to City Council the implementation activities of the CAAP, act as a primary liaison for outreach and awareness on the CAAP throughout the community, provide input on evaluating additional opportunities for mitigation and resilience actions in Columbia, and advise City Council on environmental issues, as directed.

Discussion

Columbia City Council adopted the CAAP by Policy Resolution 89-19 in June 2019. One of the Implementation Strategies in the CAAP was to form a commission that supported accountability, implementation, and awareness of the CAAP in the community. Staff presented to City Council at the July 15 work session on what other communities have done in terms of forming a commission and received direction from City Council as summarized in this report.

City Council advised that the new commission should:

- Take the place of the existing Environment and Energy Commission (EEC) with current EEC members and former members of the Mayor's Task Force on Climate Action and Adaptation Planning encouraged to apply.
- Include additional positions and representatives that reflect the intersectionality of the former Task Force.
- Be appointed by the City Council and eligibility not be limited to City residents with Boone County Commissioners suggesting potential members from the Boone County.

Staff has prepared the following for consideration of City Council.

NAME: Climate and Environment Commission

After reviewing the feedback from City Council and presenting the topic to the Environment and Energy Commission in July, including "Environment" in the name of the commission captures the rare item of environmental relevance that might not fall to an existing board or commission or within the purview of the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan.



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MEMBERS; QUALIFICATIONS; TERMS:

Membership: The commission should be comprised of twelve (12) residents of Boone County, appointed by the City Council.

Qualifications: Efforts should be taken to balance the composition of the commission as follows:

1. Members should represent the socio-economic, geographic, and demographic diversity of the community, including youth representation.
2. Members' interest and/or expertise must represent the three pillars of sustainability: economic prosperity, environmental integrity, and social/cultural vibrancy.
3. Members should represent a wide range of stakeholders of the community, including business, neighborhoods, non-profit, and educational institutions.

Terms: The term of office for commissioners should be three (3) years or until such commissioner's successor is appointed.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. To advise staff in the preparation of an annual CAAP action progress report and recommendations for City Council.
2. To present annual CAAP report, with policy and budget priorities, to City Council for acceptance in January.
3. To identify opportunities for and barriers to equitable implementation of CAAP strategies.
4. To ensure all stakeholders are engaged and aware of CAAP priorities.
5. To review research and data in order to evaluate additional opportunities for mitigation and resilience actions not included in the original CAAP.
6. To ensure coordination and communication with other commissions.
7. To advise City Council on environmental issues, as directed.
8. To follow policy making processes of the City Council, the City Manager's responsibilities to implement the goals and priorities the City Council establishes and the responsibility of city staff to report to the City Manager.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: N/A

Long-Term Impact: N/A



Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Social Equity, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Operational Excellence

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Land Use & Growth Management, Tertiary Impact: Environmental Management

Legislative History

Date	Action
06/17/2019	Climate Action and Adaptation Plan adopted by City Council as Policy Resolution 89-19.

Suggested Council Action

Should City Council agree with the recommendations of this report, direct City staff to draft an ordinance to be brought back amending City of Columbia code of ordinances to replace the Environment and Energy Commission with the Climate and Environment Commission.