



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Climate and Environment Commission

Tuesday, February 28, 2023
6:00 PM

Regular

701 E Broadway
Conference Room 1C

I. CALL TO ORDER

Leanne Tippett Mosby called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Staff: Eric Hempel (Sustainability), Becca Elder (Sustainability)

Members of the Public: Rick Shanker

Present: 13 - Linda Godwin, Ryan Kaufmann, Matthew Ludden, Leanne Tippett Mosby, Annette Triplett, Joseph Barnett, Dick Parker, Jacquelyn Sample, Roni Becherer, Jessica Norris, Emily Gustafson, Raymond Holland and David Huhman

Excused: 2 - Abra Spisso and David Adams

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Members, staff, and guests introduced themselves around the room.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda: Matthew Ludden

Second: Dick Parker

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

TMP-23609 January 2023 CEC Meeting Minutes Draft

Attachments: [January 2023 CEC Minutes Draft](#)

Motion to approve the minutes: Leanne Tippett Mosby

Second: Matthew Ludden

Motion carried

Linda Godwin abstained

V. SPECIAL ITEMS

TMP-23605 Elections

There were no nominations for vice chair. This will be revisited at the March Climate and Environment Commission meeting.

Motion to claim Leanne by acclamation (to continue being chair of the Climate and Environment Commission): Dick Parker

Second: Matthew Ludden

Motion passed unanimously.

TMP-23606 Review of Commission Procedures

Leanne Tippett Mosby discussed the Climate and Environment's commission

procedures. This review included when to send proposed agenda items, the schedule for posting agendas, the duties and responsibilities of the Climate and Environment Commission, the Sunshine Law, Robert's Rules of Order, amendments to the agenda, minutes, motions, how to share a document at a meeting, the work flow of the commission, and how commission tasks can be made and carried out.

Members asked questions about the task creating process. It was clarified that tasks can originate from agenda items, priorities can inform tasks, and any commission member can bring a task idea to the commission to discuss. Tasks ideas can be emailed to Eric Hempel and Leanne Tippet Mosby, or brought up in the General Comments by Public, Members and Staff section of meetings.

It was suggested that the commission could identify priorities for a specific time frame, and use the priorities to develop projects and tasks.

TMP-23757 Commission procedures attachment

Attachments: [Commission Procedures](#)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

TMP-23607 Annual Report Content

Leanne Tippet Mosby explained that the Climate and Environment's portion of the annual report should highlight accomplishments and establish budget and policy priorities that the commission plans to work on.

It was suggested that the commission's annual report should include a list of speakers the commission has listened to during meetings and specific recommendations the commission has made to other groups along with the outcome.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

TMP-23608 Citizen's Survey Questions

Eric Hempel provided an update on the citizen's survey that there is an RFP being developed for services to create a new community survey instrument and that the commission will be updated with opportunities to provide input to the process.

VIII. TASK UPDATES

TMP-23754 Natural Gas Task Update

Attachments: [Natural Gas Task Update 2.28.2023](#)

Dick Parker handed out the attached file as the update for the natural gas task.

IX. STAFF REPORT

Eric Hempel shared the following staff report:

The Office of Sustainability has been working with a Mizzou group, AdZou, to identify communication strategies for the business community. Surveys and focus groups have been done with local businesses and AdZou will report back at the end of the semester. Staff members John Simon and Eric Hempel are working with industry partners to find ways to use federal funding to support market transition and support local builders to improve energy efficiency.

The Office of Sustainability has been redeveloping environmental education programs with the Columbia STEM Alliance.

The Rental Energy Efficiency survey closed and focus groups are underway. The survey

results will be made into a report for council in March or April.
Leanne Tippet Mosby and Eric Hempel have participated in a coalition of partners across the state to take advantage of greenhouse hgas reduction funding.
Staff is looking at highlighting the energy savings sales tax holiday and is working to develop resources on funding opportunities.
CoMo Wild yards has been very successful and has grown, so local partners will help implement this project to increase its reach.
Show Me the Heat is in phase two. The Office of Sustainability is hiring a Community Resilience Organizer.
A Climate Action and Adaptation Plan foundations training is being developed for City employees to take to fulfill training requirements.
The Office of Sustainability is close to finalizing their strategic planning.

X. CHAIR REPORT

Leanne Tippet Mosby spoke about House Bill 225 and House Bill 184.
Tippet Mosby noted her participation in the workforce development breakout group at the roundtable discussions on Inflation Reduction Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding recently hosted by Missouri Energy Initiative.

XI. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Rick Shanker informed the commission that a member can call a question to end the discussion and vote via Robert's Rules.

Dick Parker spoke about the Water and Light Advisory Board regular meeting and cost of service meeting. Parker shared the City of Columbia utility's 2022 renewable energy report with the commission. It was reported that in 2022, the utility had 18% renewable energy and did not meet the goal of 25% renewable energy.

Emily Gustafson informed the commission of the public service commission's upcoming public hearing on the Tiger Connector.

Members discussed a commission field trip to visit energy production facilities. This will be an agenda item for the March commission meeting.

XII. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, March 29th, 2023 at 6 PM in City Council Chambers
The commission members present were agreeable to the meeting date change to March 29th, 2023. The commission discussed moving the time for regular meetings to 5:30pm, however, not all commission members were available at the earlier time, so meetings will continue to be scheduled for 6pm.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn: Dick Parker
Second: Matthew Ludden
Motion passed unanimously.

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