



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Environment and Energy Commission

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

7:00 PM

Regular

City Hall
701 E. Broadway
Conference Room 1A

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Guests: Mary Kaye Doyle; Laura Eggeman; Jillian Leiby, MU student; Ebony Teter, Columbia College student; Kelly Hull, MU student; Hannah Masur, MU student

Present: 6 - Lincoln Brown, Jan Dye, Kenneth Midkiff, Dick Parker, Nick Peckham and Jean Sax

Absent: 4 - Craig Bunger, Kari Chesney, Alyce Turner and Harley Wilcox

II. INTRODUCTIONS

The EEC members welcomed new member Lincoln Brown at tonight's meeting. Mr. Brown stated he is an MPA student originally from La Grange, Missouri. He and his wife moved to Columbia last year and he would like to be more involved in the community.

Ben Kreitner, waste minimization coordinator for the City of Columbia, attended the EEC meeting as the staff liaison in Barbara Buffaloe's absence.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to accept the agenda as written was called by Nick Peckham with a second from Dick Parker. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the August 22, 2017 meeting minutes was called by Dick Parker with a second from Nick Peckham. Motion passed unanimously.

V. PRESENTATIONS

No presentations.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Construction fill dumping / Hinkson Creek update -

Guest Laura Eggeman gave the EEC members an update on the fill that was placed near Hinkson Creek. She stated she submitted a Sunshine request but did not receive much information. Nick Peckham made a motion to write a letter to the City to state that it was illegal to dump fill in a floodplain. Dick Parker amended Nick Peckham's motion to request that Barbara Buffaloe report to the EEC what the city penalty and the federal penalty is for illegal fill dumping and to find out how long permits are valid for. Jean Sax voted against the motion. Motion passed.

b. Workgroup Check-In

- i. Goal 1 - Increase energy efficiency and improve conservation in the built environment
No discussion at this time.
- ii. Goal 2 - Increase local renewable energy production
Jan Dye discussed a handout that discussed impediments to clean local energy production. The members discussed incentives and solar. Jan Dye made a motion that the EEC create a local clean energy production subcommittee that will investigate zoning and building rules and change building codes for friendlier green buildings and clean energy. Dick Parker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Jan Dye, Harley Wilcox, Craig Bungar, and Lincoln Brown will make up the subcommittee.
- iii. Goal 3 - Climate action plan progress update - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
Jean Sax reported they looked at cities that Ken Midkiff had previously studied. San Diego and Kansas City were added to the study and were found to be very similar.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Ken Midkiff brought up that the blue recycling bags are not recyclable and asked that a workgroup or committee look into changing this. Ben Kreitner said they have been working on this. Dick Parker pointed out that originally the city was told that the blue bags were recyclable but it was discovered later that they actually were not.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

Ben Kreitner discussed a new RFP that was looking into expanding the compost to be able to include paper products with food on it.

IX. COMMENTS OF VISITORS

Mary Kaye Doyle mentioned the lack of energy efficiency for rentals and the difficulty low income residents have paying their utility bills.

X. COMMENTS OF MEMBERS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dick Parker reported that there will be a Sustainable Living Fair on October 15, 2017 and the League of Women Voters will host a Lunch and Learn on November 21, 2017.

Dick Parker made a comment about greenhouse gases and the paper that creates this. As long as paper is being thrown away, there will be methane produced.

Dick Parker stated he would like to be added to the goal 3 list of members.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is scheduled for October 24, 2017.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Nick Peckham left the meeting early which left the EEC members no longer with a quorum.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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