



# City of Columbia, Missouri

## Meeting Minutes

### Environment and Energy Commission

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Tuesday, October 24, 2017

7:00 PM

Regular

City Hall  
701 E. Broadway  
Conference Room 1A

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Guests: Jan Etting

**Present:** 7 - Jan Dye, Kenneth Midkiff, Dick Parker, Jean Sax, Alyce Turner, Harley Wilcox and Kari Chesney

**Absent:** 3 - Craig Bunger, Nick Peckham and Lincoln Brown

#### II. INTRODUCTIONS

Danielle Fox, Community Conservationist 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 Dick Parker with a second from Kari Chesney. Motion passed unanimously.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The EEC members discussed the absence of a motion to adjourn in the September minutes. Jean Sax stated that after Nick Peckham left the meeting before the adjournment, there was no longer a quorum so there could not be motions made.

**Motion to accept the September 26, 2017 meeting minutes was called by Ken Midkiff with a second from Dick Parker. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### V. PRESENTATIONS

No presentations.

#### VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Construction fill dumping / Hinkson Creek update

Jan Dye will review the minutes from a previous meeting and follow up on a letter she will be drafting.

b. Workgroup Check-In

i. Goal 1 - Increase energy efficiency and improve conservation in the built environment

Dick Parker, Nick Peckham

Nick Peckham was not in attendance at the meeting but sent out a memo with some information about energy efficiency and the impact on housing and commercial buildings, concentrating more on strategic neighborhoods because this is in the city's

strategic plan. Dick Parker stated more information on the buildings was needed to see what could be changed. Dick Parker stated that possibly a student intern could be utilized to gather the information of determining types of residence and square footage of buildings, to have data to present to the City Council. Dick Parker made a motion to write a letter requesting from Barbara Buffaloe a student intern gather information with a second from Ken Midkiff. Jean Sax and Jan Dye voted against the motion and Ken Midkiff abstained. Motion passed.

- ii. Goal 2 - Increase local renewable energy production  
Jan Dye, Harley Wilcox, Craig Bunger, Lincoln Brown  
No discussion at this time.

- iii. Goal 3 - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions  
Climate Action Plan - progress update  
Ken Midkiff, Jean Sax, Kari Chesney, Alyce Turner

Kari Chesney discussed the climate action plans of Kansas City and St. Louis, with St. Louis's goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by the year 2050. She suggested taking bit and pieces of these two cities' action plans, as well as Springfield's plan, to create our own action plan. Jean Sax spoke of an electric bicycle type of vehicle that is used by the UPS company in Toronto to make deliveries and said it would be great to be able to use something like that in Columbia someday. Jan Dye asked the group to become more familiar with the Kansas City and St. Louis plans for more discussion by the next EEC meeting and challenged everyone to come back to the next meeting with three items for climate change.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Citizen's Handbook - Ken Midkiff

Ken Midkiff raised concerns about the Citizen's Guide. He believed the EEC was not represented in the guide and made a motion to send a letter to the City Manager, asking why the EEC's work was not included in the guide and what the cost was to publish the guide, with copies sent to council members. Kari Chesney seconded Ken Midkiff's motion. Jan Dye was not in agreement with Ken Midkiff's motion; she instead suggested sending a letter stating disappointment at being left out and asking for inclusion in the future. Alyce Turner suggested a comparable mailer in the future. Ken Midkiff withdrew his motion.

## VIII. STAFF REPORTS

No reports.

## IX. COMMENTS OF VISITORS

Visitor Jan Etting spoke to the EEC members about Hinkson Creek and how every time it rains, it causes bank erosion.

## X. COMMENTS OF MEMBERS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dick Parker reported that the League of Women Voters will be hosting a Lunch and Learn on November 21 at noon and will be featuring the Director of City Utilities and the Director of University Utilities.

Ken Midkiff had an email conversation with Barbara Buffaloe about the thickness of the city's blue recycle bags. Any bag that has been used for recycle materials cannot be recycled and must go to the landfill.

Dick Parker spoke about solar energy.

## XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is scheduled for November 28, 2017.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Ken Midkiff made a motion to adjourn with a second from Harley Wilcox. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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