



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Climate and Environment Commission

Tuesday, October 24, 2023
6:00 PM

Regular

701 E Broadway
Conference Room 1C

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 by acting chair Jessica Norris

Present: 10 - Linda Godwin, Matthew Ludden, Joseph Barnett, Dick Parker, Jacquelyn Sample, Abra Spisso, Jessica Norris, David Adams, David Huhman and Richard Shanker

Absent: 5 - Ryan Kaufmann, Leanne Tippet Mosby, Roni Becherer, Emily Gustafson and Alexis Hall

II. INTRODUCTIONS

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

This matter was a Motion to approve the agenda made by Matthew Ludden and seconded by Abra Spisso. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 26, 2023 CEC Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [DRAFT MeetingMinutes September 2023 CEC](#)

Motion to approve minutes was made by Abra Spisso and seconded by Dick Parker. Godwin, Ludden, Barnett abstained all others voted in favor.

V. SPECIAL ITEMS

CAAP Team Update

Attachments: [CAAP Team Project Updates 10.24.23](#)

Sustainability staff updated CEC on the actions of each staff CAAP team.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

FY2025 Budget Discussion

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Members discussed the process to provide input to the FY2025 budget. Members volunteered to Research and prepare FY25 priority budget items to discuss at the next meeting on November 28, 2023. in the following areas:

- Prioritize budget items by amount GHGs reduced
- Transportation
- Natural Resources
- Waste
- Built Environment (Housing & Buildings)

W&L Community Solar and CEC response to proposal

Attachments: [Council Memo](#)

[Ordinance](#)

[Proposed Community Solar Rate Application](#)

The CEC identified the following Key Points in thier response to the Water and Light Community Solar Proposal:

The CEC supports the Community Solar Program and hopes to see the City develop additional solar fields to support the program's expansion.

The CEC appreciates the opportunity for community members without the necessary infrastructure to participate in solar.

We are happy to see the continuation of community solar in Columbia.

**Authorize the Chair to draft the final statement based on the key points specified by the commission to present at the November 6, 2023 City Council meeting.
Moved by Jessica Norris Second by Joe Barnett. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Federal funding (IRA & BIL) presentation from National Sierra Club

Sustainability staff provided information for when the presentation is scheduled and how CEC members may participate.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. TASK UPDATES

IX. STAFF REPORT

Application to Missouri Department of Natural Resources for Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

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Sustainability staff reported that three meetings are being planned. One meeting will be virtual and focused on businesses and community-based organizations. The other two meetings will be open to the public and in person. The in-person meetings will be held at Derby Ridge Elementary School, and the A.R.C. Childcare will be provided at the ARC, and food will be provided at both locations. The times for the in-person meetings will be 6-7:00 PM, and the virtual meeting will be during business hours. CEC members are encouraged to attend and promote the CAAP to audience members.

Neighborhood Resilience Forum update and next steps

Staff reported that various organizations were represented at the second Neighborhood Resilience Forum. Participants completed an activity identifying barriers and solutions to heat reduction strategies (e.g., planting trees, home weatherization, etc.) that the community-based organizations think will most affect the people they serve. This information will be used to guide future “community conversations” that sustainability staff will coordinate with participating organizations. Community conversations will be intimate discussions regarding people’s lived experiences with urban heat. These experiences will be treated as data and analyzed with technical data to select the heat reduction strategy that best fits the neighborhood and community needs. A technical team of city staff and external experts (e.g., university and industry experts) will draft a project design. A community review team of people living in the neighborhood will review the proposed project. If the community team does not approve the project, it will be sent back to the technical team for revision. The project will follow this process until the community review team approves it to move forward into implementation.

X. CHAIR REPORT

XI. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Dick Parker said he would be able to attend the scheduled November 28th meeting. Other CEC members agreed to meet on November 28th.

XII. NEXT MEETING DATE

November 28, 2023

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 7:33 PM

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