



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Climate and Environment Commission

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

6:00 PM

Regular

701 E Broadway
City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Staff: Eric Hempel (Sustainability), Becca Elder (Sustainability), Todd McVicker (Utilities)

Members of the public: Bella Kamplain (Sustain Mizzou), David Switzer (Water and Light Advisory Board), Sharon Gustafson

Present: 12 - Carolyn Amparan, Rikki Ascani, Linda Godwin, Ryan Kaufmann, Matthew Ludden, Leanne Tippet Mosby, Annette Triplett, Dick Parker, Jacquelyn Sample, Abra Spisso, Roni Becherer and Emily Gustafson

Excused: 3 - Joseph Barnett, Sanjeev Khanna and Jessica Norris

II. INTRODUCTIONS

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda: Dick Parker

Second: Matthew Ludden

All in favor; motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was stated that Leanne Tippet Mosby's name is misspelled in one section.

Eric Hempel stated that the task leads' names will be recorded in the minutes, but the volunteers' names will not, and asked the task leads to write the tasks out.

Leanne Tippet Mosby reminded the task leaders to be sure that a quorum is not present for a task meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes as amended: Linda Godwin

Second: Abra Spisso

Motion carried.

TMP-22652 September 2022 CEC Meeting Minutes Draft

Attachments: [September 2022 CEC Meeting Minutes Draft](#)

[September 2022 CEC Meeting Minutes Final](#)

V. SPECIAL ITEMS

TMP-22647 Sustain Mizzou Presentation

Attachments: [Sustain Mizzou\[89\]](#)

Bella Kamplain spoke to the CEC about Sustain Mizzou, a sustainability organization at the University of Missouri. Kamplain shared ways that Sustain Mizzou members volunteer in the Columbia community and spoke about educational programs and events that Sustain Mizzou offers. Sustain Mizzou's goals such as composting and offering bike resources were discussed. The best way to contact Sustain Mizzou is through their email, mudossustainmizzou@missouri.edu. Matthew Ludden suggested that Sustain Mizzou connect to the high school Youth Advisory Committee. Carolyn Amparan suggested that Sustain Mizzou review the next Climate and Environment Commission priorities to find areas to partner, provide input for, and help spread information to Mizzou students.

TMP-22648 Water and Light Advisory Board Collaboration- Water Rates and Renewable Energy

Attachments: [WLAB Proposed Plan for Water Rates FY23](#)
[WLAB Memo on Water Rate Processes 10.6.22](#)
[WLAB- Renewable Energy 2030 Memo](#)
[CEC PROPOSED Statement on CWL report 100% by 2030 October 2022.docx](#)
[CEC Statement on CWL report 100% by 2030 October 2022 Track Change](#)

David Switzer spoke to the CEC about the process on water rate setting and shared the memo that the Water and Light Advisory Board (WLAB) had drafted that outlines concerns regarding the rate decision-making process, attached as "WLAB Memo on Water Rate Processes 10.6.22".

Switzer spoke about the proposed plan for FY23 water rates and emphasized the importance of the financial health of the utility. Switzer stated that the proposed plan (attached as "WLAB Proposed Plan for Water Rates FY23") includes obtaining and developing metrics on affordability as well as equity considerations. Switzer stated that he will be introducing affordability metrics at the November WLAB meeting and explained some of the proposed metrics. Switzer welcomed ideas on equity metrics from the CEC in the coming months.

The following topics were discussed: considering conservation in the elasticity of rates, the state's standards for water affordability, tier 3 rates, and the need for a cost of service study.

Carolyn Amparan presented a proposed response to the renewable energy 2030 memo that the Water & Light staff shared with the WLAB, attached as "CEC PROPOSED Statement on CWL report 100% by 2030 October 2022.docx". This memo was written by Carolyn Amparan. CEC members discussed the proposed response and made edits. The attachment "CEC Statement of CWL report 100% by 2030 October 2022_Track Change" outlines the edits that were made.

Motion that the CEC endorse the Water Rates Processes Memo and send a memo written by Leanne Tippet Mosby stating the CEC's endorsement: Leanne Tippet Mosby
Carolyn Amparan seconded
All in favor; motion carried.

Motion that the CEC send a memo similar to the one proposed to the City Council regarding the Columbia Water & Light response on 100% by 2030: Carolyn Amparan
Second: Matthew Ludden
All were in favor of approving memo as amended; motion carried.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

TMP-22649 Recommendations for Transit Study RFP for Public Transportation Advisory Commission

Matthew Ludden stated that earlier this year, the prior transportation working group had written a letter with recommendations for a similar purpose that was approved by the CEC. Ludden suggested that material from the letter could be organized to be sent to the Public Transportation Advisory Commission.

A draft of recommendations taken from the Transit Task Force Letter from the May CEC meeting will be posted for the November CEC meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

TMP-22650 Tree Board Communication

Attachments: [Tree Board communications_DRAFT](#)

This item was tabled to the November Climate and Environment Commission meeting.

Motion to table the Tree Board Communication item to the November CEC meeting: Leanne Tippett Mosby
Second: Matthew Ludden
All in favor; motion carried

TMP-22651 Livable Streets Policy Review

Attachments: [Livable Streets Policy with Attachments](#)
[Inclusive Community Engagement Plan](#)

Annette Triplett spoke on behalf of Local Motion about the Livable Streets Policy review. Triplett explained that the Livable Streets Policy is a proposed update for the Complete Streets Policy in Columbia that has not been updated in 20 years. Triplett emphasized the policy's prioritization of walkers, bikers, and transit riders while accommodating vehicles and made connections to the CAAP. Triplett spoke about the plan for inclusive community engagement (attached as "Inclusive Community Engagement Plan"), the criteria for project prioritization, the recommendation for a consultant for technical specifications, and the plan for tracking progress. Triplett welcomed high-level feedback from the CEC and stated that Local Motion would like to get the policy in front of City Council by December.

CEC members asked questions about the policy. It was stated that city policies not aligned with the Livable Streets Policy would need updated within five years, that part of the intent of the scorecard is to bring projects like those on the sidewalk master plan to the top, and that other comments about the Livable Streets Policy can be emailed to Annette Triplett.

Motion that the CEC support the Livable Streets Policy and community engagement plan as presented by Local Motion: Carolyn Amparan
Second: Ryan Kaufmann
All in favor; motion carried.

VIII. TASK UPDATES

Dick Parker provided an update on the Natural Gas Emissions task and shared data that is included in the attached task report.

TMP-22793 Natural Gas Emissions Task Update

Attachments: [Natural Gas Emissions Task Report to CEC 10-15-22.docx](#)

IX. STAFF REPORT

Eric Hempel shared the following updates for the staff report: CEC reapplications are due November 4th, 2022; thumb drives will no longer be available at commission/council meetings, and an online file portal system for uploading files will be available in the coming weeks; Office of Sustainability staff will be developing a training on the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) that will be available online and to the public; the budget process is beginning and will include quantitative measures for CAAP alignment; grant funding has been identified for the RFP for community engagement and policy development for rental energy efficiency, and virtual participation options for the CEC meetings are anticipated to be available by January 2023.

X. CHAIR REPORT

Leanne Tippet Mosby stated that she will volunteer to attend the November WLAB.

XI. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Matthew Ludden thanked members who helped with the Doug Tallamy event.
Carolyn Amparan stated that she has vote for the climate signs from the Sierra Club for anyone who wants one. Amparan stated that she will not be reapplying to the CEC this year.

Ryan Kaufmann shared fire projections firewise.org has fire hazard information. Amparan suggested that the commission update the fire hazard portion of the climate vulnerabilities.

XII. NEXT MEETING DATE

November 29th, 2022 at 6 PM in Council Chambers

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Motion to adjourn: Ryan Kauffman

Second: Abra Spisso

All in favor, motion carried.

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