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Environmental Management Commission
Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2009
Meeting Location: Mid-America Regional Council, 2nd Floor, Westview Meeting Room

Commissioners present: Carol Adams, Jimmy Adegoke, Amy Bhesania, Dustin Jensen, Marty Kraft, Rachel Norton, Richard Rocha, Jack Schrimsher, Evaline Taylor, Jim van Eman

Staff: Dennis Murphey, Jerry Shechter – OEQ; Scott Cahail – Water Services Department; Matt Gigliotti - Law

Guests: Sadie Gardner – BTG; Mike Hoey; Ron McLinden – RTA; Mary Beth Ogle

Carol Adams, Co-Chair, opened the meeting at 4:10 pm; a quorum was present

A. Welcome and Introductions
The Chair welcomed all Commissioners, staff and guests to the November meeting of the EMC. Everyone introduced themselves.

B. Minutes of the meetings of September 9, 2009 and October 14, 20009 were amended. Jack Schrimsher made a motion, seconded by Jim van Eman, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed.

C. Office of Environmental Quality – Report by Jerry Shechter
1. EECBG Competitive Grant – The City intends to submit a grant to the US Department of Energy pursuant to the EECBG Competitive Grant funds availability announcement. The application is due by December 14, 2009. A brief synopsis of the grant concept was discussed including the intent to contract with a local non-profit to establish a "one-stop-shop" that bridges the gap between an energy audit and a contractor for a program applicant and provides the applicant with a range of information and services. The program will focus on several designated neighborhoods and the intent of the grant is to provide energy efficiency assistance for as many building owners and buildings as feasible. Another component of the grant will be a contract with MARC to provide a set of three services: (1) engaging and educating residents and officials in a campaign to convince property owners/renters of the benefits of energy conservation with OneKC Voice and BTG providing assistance, (2) contracting for professional legal and policy development services to change the legal, regulatory and economic context for the energy retrofit market, and (3) workforce training and placement in coordination with community colleges, MEC and other trainers and placement services. An emphasis of the application is to be on development of leveraged funds in the range of $5 leveraged for each $1 of the grant amount.
2. City Budget – FY2010 – Report by Dennis Murphey
There is an expected $65 million shortfall which will require different decisions than last year. The City Manager is to have a budget recommendation to the Mayor by January 15, 2010 and the Mayor is to have his budget to City Council in February. All departments are starting with last year's budget and are being asked to reduce by another 10%.
3. World Cup Soccer – Dennis reported that he, with a local bid committee, are putting together a presentation to FIFA (World Cup Soccer) to be chosen as one of 18 cities to host the World Cup in 2022. KC is currently on a list of 27 cities to be submitted by April, 2010. The center-piece of the proposal, made in New York City, is sustainability for countries and cities and to

connect this to soccer. The emphasis is on social responsibility, then environmental then economic issues. KC and several of the other cities would need very little infrastructure development because of the NFL stadia. The list of 27 will be reduced to 18 in 2010 and, in 2017, to 12-14 cities. Everyone was asked to go online to vote for Kansas City at: www.gousabid.com.

D. EMC Project Reports
   1. Amy Bhesania reported a meeting re urban agriculture was held at Badseed on October 20, 2009. The meeting was hosted by KC Urban Agriculture and the Food Policy Coalition. The focus of the meeting was input to change the Development Code. Tom Coyle, Patty Noll and several other CPD staff attended. A steering committee and was set up as was a committee on livestock. Each will begin with research, then move to communication and education and then to outreach.

E. Council Strategic Planning Session
   Carol Adams suggested the commissioners think about EMC input into the city budget process. She suggested a working session on 12/9 with the background of the Council documents and videos. Dustin Jensen – Housing Committee, Jim van Eman – Transportation and Infrastructure, Jimmy Adegoke – Planning and Zoning, and Carol Adams – Finance and Audit will review respective documentation and summarize it for everyone. A focus will need to be on revenue improvements.

F. Liaison Updates – No reports

G. Old Business – None

H. New Business – Marty Kraft noted there will be an all-day Bio-Char Conference at UMKC on December 1, 2009.

I. Remarks and Announcements
   1. Dustin Jensen – Pursuant to the Sustainable Skylines Initiative, there will be a panel discussion on December 16, 2009 at the Discovery Center on air-water-energy nexus.
   2. Jerry Shechter - The EEBN annual meeting is this evening at Boulevard Brewing Co.
   3. Ron McLinden – KCATA is doing budget planning and expects significant revenue reductions from the City. This will result in fare increases and service reductions plus a 1/8 cent tax increase.

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for

Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2009
Time: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Place: MARC – 2nd Floor, Westview Room

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm