

Minutes for April 14, 2020 CCL-KC General Membership Meeting

1. The April 14, 2020 CCL-KC General Membership Meeting was held by Go To Meeting and convened at 6:30 PM. In attendance were returning members Stephen Melton, Frank Zilm (Go To Meeting host. Thanks, Frank!), Paula Leppert, Donna Jones, Karen Uhlenhuth, Lia Uhlenhuth, Theresa Noble, Dave Mitchell, Emily Hurley, and Eslun Tucker. Thanks to all who attended to the meeting!

2. Announcements. Dave discussed the CCL monthly call on April 11. (View at: [https://citizensclimatelobby.org/monthly-speakers/.](https://citizensclimatelobby.org/monthly-speakers/)) Nathaniel Stinnett of Environmental Voter Project was the guest and reported that millions of pro-climate citizens did not vote in the 2016 and 2018 elections. CCL wants us to push their voter registration program to get a better turnout in 2020. The link is: cclusa.org/register-to-vote. There was much discussion, all supportive, of getting more citizens registered to vote and that we could begin doing this now during the COVID19 lockdown. We should also support the vote-by-mail initiatives now gaining steam.

3. Earth Week Events Update

The Climate Council of Greater Kansas City is conducting Earth Festival On Line (<http://ClimateGKC.org/EF20/>) from April 16 through April 26, with over 30 separate events. Register for and participate in as many as you can. The ones with CCL-KC presentations are:

4/16 @ 6:30 pm: Faiths' Call for Climate Action, GKC Interfaith Council (Dave will give 3 minute elevator pitch toward the end)

4/18 @ 11:00 am: Climate Speakers Forum, Area Mayors & Climate Activists (Steve and Jennifer Brown are scheduled fifth with our 3 minute pitch)

4/19 @ 12:30 pm: Heart & Soil, CinemaKC & TBC, Film Series (Dave will give 3 minute elevator pitch toward the end)

4/19 @ 4:00 pm: The Case for Carbon Fee & Dividend, Citizens Climate Lobby KC (Steve and Jennifer Brown will deliver a 45-minute presentation)

4/22 @ 6:00 pm: The Fight for our Future, American Public Square, Signature Event (Steve is one of the four panelists)

4/25 @ 12:00: Celebrate Earth Day with CCL, A virtual CCL Earth Day event that you can invite everyone to attend with you! We've enlisted one of our favorite speakers - Katharine Hayhoe - to kick it off, and we're collaborating with Braver Angels (formerly Better Angels) to offer a breakout on depolarizing. Also on the agenda will be our signature Climate Advocate Training for people new to CCL, a CCL staff session on Climate Organizing During the Pandemic, and a Volunteer Spotlight Panel that will give you a chance to meet some of the CCLers featured in our volunteer video documentaries. Mark your calendar for April 25th, noon, CDT. See the program, Zoom info, and register at UnitingFromHome.eventbrite.com.

4. June CCL Conference and Lobby Day—on line. (Dave)

- a. The conference will be June 13. Program TBD.
 - b. Lobby Days will be 16th (Senate) and 17th (House) via Zoom or whatever media your MOC decides. We envision several local members will participate in each Zoom session, so this is a great opportunity for all who want to be in lobbying sessions. Contact liaisons if you want to participate. (Blunt: Steve; Cleaver: Eslun; Graves: Theresa; Hawley: unassigned, but contact Steve for now) Liaisons will contact MOC staffs when Amy instructs.
 - c. Steve relayed the following comments from Danny Richter, CCL VP of Government Affairs. MOCs and staffs now completely focussed on COVID19. Low probability of HR763 passing this year, but a new bill will be reintroduced early next year. Keep working on getting cosponsors lined up. Expects more Republican support after the primaries. Our goal for each individual MOC is to move them in a positive direction, e.g., fence sitter to supporter, opposed to abstainer, vocal opponent to silent opponent. Think about your MOC in those terms.
5. Frank provided a demonstration of the En-ROADS simulator, built by MIT Sloan's Sustainability Initiative. Really cool forecaster of how various policy initiatives affect global warming. Good news: carbon fee and dividend works to eliminate fossil fuel emissions. Additional news: still must find ways to pull CO2 out of the atmosphere. You can access the simulator at: <https://www.climateinteractive.org/tools/en-roads/>.
 6. Proposed Changes to KC Building Codes (Frank and Eslun) As stated last month CCL-KC has joined a consortium of local green building advocates to support delay in updating the building codes until the more stringent international 2020 codes come out this Fall. A letter from the consortium went out to the mayor and council members yesterday, and the group is meeting again this week to determine strategy for pushing the issue, against builder and anticipated city staff opposition. For those of you who live in Kansas City, please be prepared to contact your council members in support. We'll provide the exact language soon. Great work by our KCMO team!
 7. Treasurers report. Donna reports we have \$349 available to spend. The biggest expense last month was room rental for the March meeting.
 8. At the end of the meeting we discussed our various thoughts and coping strategies regarding the COVID19 epidemic. Dave briefly highlighted some entries in CCL's COVID19 Forum in CCL Community.
 9. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.
 10. Our next monthly meeting will be on TUESDAY, May 12, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm again Using Go To Meeting. The instructions and link for joining are on our webpage. Hope to see everyone there.
 11. Thank you for all you do! Despite the COVID19 interruption, we continue to do as much as we can. We will need everyone's help in this critical election year! Now is the time to make a difference!

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Co-Leaders, CCL-KC

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