

Minutes for August 11, 2020 CCL-KC General Membership Meeting

1. The August 11, 2020 CCL-KC General Membership Meeting was held by Go To Meeting and convened at 6:30 PM. In attendance were Stephen Melton, Paula Leppert, Dave Mitchell, Kurt Kloster, Frank Zilm, Donna Jones, Theresa Noble, Emily Hurley, and Lia Uhlenhuth. Thanks to all who attended the meeting and are keeping the chapter moving forward in these times of COVID despair!
2. Announcements. Dave reported on the CCL National Call on August 8 and recommended we all view it. (<https://citizensclimatelobby.org/monthly-speakers/>) He highlighted the excellent presentation by climate scientist Dr. Kim Cobb, that CCL won the \$25,000 Keeling Curve Prize, that over 100 municipalities have now passed resolutions in support of HR 763, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, and that the Students for Carbon Dividends groups at over 300 American universities and colleges have endorsed H.R. 763. He also reminded us that the Tornadoes Region Five Levers of Political Will webinar will occur on October 3 and noted that some of us may be tapped to lead breakout sessions.
3. Steve led a discussion of Evergy's commitment for a 85% CO2 reduction by 2030! (<https://www.bizjournals.com/kansascity/news/2020/08/05/evergy-elliott-avoids-sale-new-strategic-plan.html>) Great news and a testament to the impact CCL and others in the environmental community are having in our engagement with Evergy. Theresa promised to give Evergy a shout out on our Facebook page and Frank will do the same on our website. Kurt promised a tweet.
4. CCL's Calling Campaign is now up and running and is one of the most effective tools we now have in these times of COVID restrictions. Sign up for your monthly call to your member of congress at cclusa.org/mcc. Admins, in coordination with liaisons, should update scripts at admin.cclcalls.org. Dave announced that Donna would be updating the script for MO-5 and said he would get the permissions in place.
5. The Vote Climate! Campaign will not be as we envisioned it pre-COVID. With only twelve weeks until the election, we still have 1100 "Vote Climate for the Children" yard signs, 2500 CCL-KC/HR 763 handouts, and 1300 "Vote Climate for the Children" stickers to get out. All these are FREE to any individual or organization. In the past ten days Harry Shuster of Village Presbyterian took 100 yard signs, Jerry Rees of Sustainable Sanctuary of GKC took 100, Alan Bauman of Sierra Club (Kansa) took 30, and Sharon Hunt of the Platte County Land Trust took 25. Please approach groups you are affiliated with to get them to agree to pass out signs. Lia offered to see if her high school environmental group would be interested and Kurt offered to approach his church.
6. Another way to help in this crucial election is to sign up for Environmental Voter Project at environmentalvoter.org. This program is recommended by CCL and aims to contact members of environmental groups who for some reason have not been voting lately.

7. Seeking Endorsements for HR763 is still a priority. Please keep working on it. Unfortunately, Boulevard Brewery does not seem interested. We will seek Climate Action KC's endorsement later this month, when their procedures for endorsement are published.

8. Post Election Strategy. Frank reported that the local Sierra Club and the AIA chapters are interested in meeting with us after the election to try to coordinate our lobbying actions.

9. Next Steps on KC Building Codes. Frank reported that he and the other coalition members are successfully engaging with Greg Franzen, who is responsible for building codes in KC, to expedite the process for the city council to vote on the new codes at the earliest possible date, maybe even before year's end. Franzen notes that Missouri law requires a 90 day waiting period before proposed new codes can be enacted.

8. Website, Facebook, Social Media. Frank reported we had 73 hits on the website last month, which Go Daddy says puts us in the 64th percentile of our site category. Theresa reported that our Facebook page was visited by 76 people in the last four weeks.

9. Newsletter. Steve noted that Helen Hunt learned about our free yard signs because she reads our newsletter.

10. Donna reported we have \$348.71 in the checking account and everyone thanked Frank for his donation.

11. Dave announced that he has taken on a second program at KKFI and, consequently, will be pulling back from some of his CCL commitments and will be giving up his co-leadership of the chapter at the end of August. He will still remain an active volunteer and will lead the Lee's Summit endorsement effort. All present congratulated Dave on his leadership and accomplishments over the past several years—the KC resolution endorsing CFD, the Cleaver co-sponsorship of HR 763, the chapter briefing effort, and the building code progress, etc. Paula acknowledged Dave's leadership and group building skills and thanked him for "making CCL a force in Kansas City." Theresa expressed everyone's gratitude that Dave will still be a part of the organization.

12. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

13. Our next meeting will be September 8 at 6:30 PM, also by Go To Meeting. In an attempt to increase meeting attendance, especially among younger and more tech savvy members, clickable invitations will go out an undetermined number of members in the week prior to the meeting.

14. Thanks for all you continue to do!

Stephen Melton and Dave Mitchell
CCL-KC Chapter Co-Leaders