

Minutes for January 12, 2021 CCL-KC General Membership Meeting

1. The January 12, 2021 CCL-KC General Membership Meeting was held by Go To Meeting and convened at 6:30 PM. In attendance were Stephen Melton, Kurt Kloster, Frank Zilm (Our host!), Lorraine Elmore, Karen Uhlenhuth, Lia Uhlenhuth, Donna Jones, Kelly Hall, Paula Leppert, and Joe Sweeny. Thanks to all who attended and contributed to this meeting.

2. Announcements.

a. Correction from last month's minutes: Congresswoman Sharice Davids did not sign on as a co-sponsor to the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (EICD), H.R. 763 before the legislation expired on January 3, 2021, the last day of the 116th Congress.

b. We will keep you informed of the new legislation in the 117th Congress once it is introduced.

c. CCL-MO has decided to stand up a statewide Hawley Team to work in conjunction with the CC liaison, Tamara Szabo. If you want to be in on it, contact Steve at smelton822@icloud.com.

d. CCL-MO is also considering two other statewide teams, one focussed on breweries and wineries and the other on grass tops outreach in general. (Members present were highly enthusiastic about joining the brewery group.)

3. Update on CCL Tornadoes Regional Zoom Conference, February 20. Paula reported that the event will have a morning session in which we'll join several other CCL regions. Presentations will be given by Danny Richter regarding the new legislation and Kathryn Hayhoe, among others. The afternoon session will feature panel discussions among members of the Tornadoes Region on a variety of topics. Expect your email invitation soon and please join us!

4. CCL 2021 Convention and Lobbying Schedule

a. March 22-28, by Zoom. CCL has just decided to to cancel in-district meetings and again hold Zoom lobby meetings with Congress along the lines of the past June and December events. Feeling at CCL was that these meetings were highly productive. Amy Bennett will send out an email on February 2 asking liaisons to begin the appointment setting process. We highly encourage you to volunteer for these lobby teams!

b. June 12-18, by Zoom.

c. November 14-16, in person in Washington, D.C.

5. MARC Climate Action Plan. The Mid-American Regional Council, ICW Climate Action KC and many local partners is now drafting the first ever Regional Climate Action Plan. Thanks to all who provided input. We will keep you posted on the plan as it is rolled out.

6. Next Steps on KC Building Codes. Frank briefed us on the plan to get KCMO to adopt the IECC 2021 Building Codes, including their net-zero annex. The bottom line

is that we expect the new code “any day” and that will begin a 90-day comment period before the City Council can vote on the new code. Frank noted that there is Department of Energy interest in this effort. Also that our local advocacy group, which includes the Sierra Club, the AIA, and a host of others, met with Metro Link, a consortium of regional universities, on the matter. Andrew Savastino, the KCMO environmental officer, and MARC representatives were in on the call as well. Momentum on this important issue is growing!

7. Obtaining Business/Leader Endorsements. Karen and others recounted their heroic efforts to secure more business endorsements, a CCL priority. However, with H.R. 763 now dead we are now requesting clarification on what specific endorsement we are seeking.

8. CCL Calling MOC campaign. (Sign up at cclusa.org/mcc. Liaisons: update scripts at admin.cclcalls.org.) We are putting this effort on “pause” until our new messaging strategy becomes clearer.

9. Website, Facebook, Social media. Nothing to report.

10. Newsletter. Steve reminds everyone to look for the newsletter at the end of every month. If you don’t see it in your inbox, check your junk folder and drag the newsletter into your inbox, so your computer knows it is not junk. Many thanks to Julie for doing the newsletter every month! Lots of great information.

11. Donna reported we have \$323.71 in our checking account. This money is earmarked for a post-COVID pizza party.

12. New Business. Frank and Steve will reengage CCL-KC(KS) re better coordination of our efforts.

13. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

14. Our next meeting will be February 9, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. The situation with 2021 climate legislation will be far clearer than it is now, so this should be an informative meeting. To join, click on <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/270260573>. You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (872) 240-3412, Access Code: 270-260-573. Hope you all can make it!

Thanks for all you do!

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