

Minutes for May 12, 2020 CCL-KC General Membership Meeting

1. The May 12, 2020 CCL-KC General Membership Meeting was held by Go To Meeting and convened at 6:30 PM. In attendance were Stephen Melton, Frank Zilm (Go To Meeting host. Thanks, Frank!), Paula Leppert, Donna Jones, Theresa Noble, Dave Mitchell, Joe Sweeny, Dennis Hilger, and Eslun Tucker. Jennifer Brown attended from the Kansas side. Thanks to all who attended to the meeting!

2. Announcements. Dave discussed the CCL monthly call on May 9, featuring Dr. Natasha DeJarnett, National Environmental Health Association, and her remarks on the COVID19 epidemic. Her talk can be heard at <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/monthly-speakers>. And Mark Reynolds, CCL Executive Director, reported over 450 media submissions in April (which included Dave Mitchell's April 22 LTE to the K.C. Star).

Dave also noted that the Earth Week EF 20 Video Links are now available on the Climate Council of Greater Kansas City website (<http://climategkc.org>) by clicking on the You Tube icon on the bottom of the home page. (Subsequent clarification from Bob Grove: The Climate Council needs 100 subscribers before Youtube will make the ClimateGKC Channel visible. Until then, people need to go to our website (ClimateGKC.org) and click on the Youtube Icon at the bottom of each web page. Once they click on this Youtube Icon they will be taken to our hidden Youtube page where they can see a list of all **EF20 Online** videos and **Partner Interviews**; and will see a red **Subscribe** button that will let them help make the ClimateGKC Channel available to everyone.)

3. CAKC/MARC Climate Action Plan Webinars.

CAKC is holding a series of webinars to develop their 2020 playbook. The first online webinar is May 14 from 2 – 3:30 p.m. Very important that CCL-KC participates to try to get the KC metro to get on the glide path to meeting our Paris commitments. Climate resilience can be achieved only through climate action. You can join by going to marc.org/climateaction. Subsequent webinars are listed below.

May 18	Transportation Week
May 25	Food & Land Week
June 1	Built Environment Week
June 8	Energy & Industry Week
June 15	Priorities Week

4. June CCL Conference and Lobby Day—on line.

Dave reiterated that the Conference—virtual and free—will be June 13 with workshops on June 14. You will have to register for the event at <https://citizensclimatelobby.org>, by clicking on “Take Action” and selecting “International Conference”.

Lobby Days will be 16th (Senate) and 17 (House) via Zoom video-conference or whatever media the MOC decides. Liaisons gave brief updates: Steve (Blunt) (Hawley);Theresa (Graves); Eslun (Cleaver). Planning for all meetings is on track.

All the lobby teams are looking for additional KC members. If you want to be in any of these meetings, please contact the liaison. There is a CCL requirement for all first time lobbyists to take Climate Advocate Training prior to those dates. There are many ways to meet this requirement. You can enroll at <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/climate-advocate-training>.

Liaisons are responsible for scheduling Zoom rehearsals with their teams prior to the actual lobbying event.

Theresa reminded that Danny Richter of CCL will be conducting Zoom updates for all lobbyists on May 28 and June 11. He will likely issue new guidance on primary and secondary asks. Liaisons will determine how to implement the guidance with their MOC.

5. KC Building Codes Update.

Frank presented an excellent slide show and gave us an update on progress. Frank is optimistic we can get the 2021 approved by the city council against homebuilder association opposition. Eslun added that CCLers need to show up at the committee and council hearings when the issue comes up for discussion and votes, and she and Frank promised to keep the membership apprised of the dates and times of those actions. Great work by Frank and Eslun here!

6. Website, Facebook, Social media. Theresa noted that viewership was good. Still need someone to set up an Instagram account.

7. Newsletter. Julie e-mailed, “March had the highest open rate yet with 29% (106 people)! Not sure what was going on there, I'll have to look and see if lots of new people opened it. But, alas, April was down and maybe the lowest yet with 12% open rate (only 44 people).”

8. Treasurers report. Donna reported we have \$363.71 in the checking account and encouraged members to make monthly pledges. You can do so on “Frank’s” web page—kcccl.org.

9. New Business. Both Frank and Eslun briefly discussed KC Resolution 200005—Updating the City’s Climate Protection Plan to include new greenhouse gas reduction goals and incorporating into City policy and operations; and directing the City Manager

to submit the new climate Protection Plan to Council by September 30, 2020 and to file a new plan with the City Council by March 31, 2021. Dave mentioned the consideration of Resolution 20005 by a committee of the City Council on May 12 and reported Bob Grove of the Climate Council stated this resolution has a very good chance of passage. (See the May 11 news article on the Climate Council website on Res. 200005.). CCL-KC will definitely want to provide input into this action as it develops.

10. Dave recommended the website, [verywellmind.com/coping-with-coronavirus](https://www.verywellmind.com/coping-with-coronavirus), which provides a wide variety of videos, and led a discussion on COVID-19 strategies and jokes.

11. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

12. Our next meeting will be June 9 at 6:30 PM, also by Go To Meeting.

13. Thanks for all you do!

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