

Minutes for March 10, 2020 CCL-KC General Membership Meeting

1. The March 10, 2020 CCL-KC General Membership Meeting was held at the KC Central Library at 10th and Baltimore, Rm 312, from 6:30 -8:00 PM. In attendance were returning members Stephen Melton, Frank Zilm, Kurt Kloster, Karen Uhlenhuth, Theresa Noble, Joe Sweeny, and Dennis Hilger. Dave Mitchell, Emily Hurley, Julie Whitsitt, and Eslun Tucker could not attend the meeting, but submitted reports on their areas of responsibility. Thanks to all who contributed to the meeting!

2. Announcements.

- a. Tornadoes Region Conference in Wichita, March 14-15, was cancelled due to coronavirus.
- b. The CCL International Conference and Lobby Day in Washington D.C. June 7-9 is still on. You may sign up by going to the CCL homepage and registering. The CCL staff is considering contingencies should the coronavirus situation worsen.
- c. CCL's monthly call will be on March 14 at noon. Hannah Pickard, climate communications expert, is the guest. You may view the video after the fact at <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/monthly-speakers/>

3. Lobby Meetings. Feb/March In-District Opportunities.

- a. Cleaver. (Dave) Not yet scheduled. Contact Dave (atrial1047@att.net) if you want to be on the team.
- b. Graves. Team is set, but meeting not yet scheduled (Theresa, Kurt, Diane, Christine Harker (NEMO)).
- c. Blunt. Meeting with Matt Haase occurred March 5 (Steve, Emily, Karen, Lorraine).
- d. Hawley. Scheduled for March 19. (Dave, Emily, Julie) .

Need a volunteer to replace Emma Rawlings as the CCL liaison to Senator Hawley. Volunteer must be able to travel to D.C. for lobby days. If you are Interested, contact Steve or Dave.

4. Grasstops Outreach.

- a. Boulevard Brewery. (Andrew Greenwell). Team is ready to go, but awaiting an appointment.
- b. Bike Walk. (Joe Sweeney) Steve and Joe will meet with the leadership on March 19 to explain HR 763 and ask their permission to table at the Tour de Bier on May 16.
- c. MMC Corp. (Steve, Frank, Theresa) Still working with POC.
- d. Coffee Roasters. (Karen) Karen has contacted several coffee roasters about supporting CCL and H.R. 763. Steve noted that the EICD website lists dozens of coffee roasters nationwide have endorsed H.R. 763.

There followed a discussion about how we appreciate our supporters. Frank said we could put an endorsers page on the website. We also discussed giving them a framed and signed document thanking them for their support. Will need a design.

5. Green Outreach. Need volunteers to work at the CAKC Climate Action Plan Community Workshop on March 31, a joint effort between Climate Action KC and MARC. Registration is free at marc.org/climateaction. Registration deadline is Mar. 25, free and open to the public. This is a prime opportunity to become engaged in community process on global warming. Our primary goal is to get carbon fee and dividend recognized as a federal legislative priority in the next playbook.

6. Grassroots Outreach. (Emily)

a. Decision on handouts. The group decided to mass print two versions of the quarter sheet handouts. One is a modified A version (see last month's minutes). The other is a modified B version, with the A backside and a bolded frontside. Julie will provide Steve with the new B frontside. We agreed to put the QR code that Frank furnishes on both cards. Thanks to all who helped design the new handouts. Julie also promised to provide Steve an updated, multicultural Vote Climate! Sticker image.

b. Bluford Library. (Dave). Next tabling event will be March 13.

c. Waldo Library. (Dave). Cancelled due to lack of foot traffic during first tabling.

d. First Fridays in the Crossroads (Emily) Location: 18th and Oak, across from Mission Taco. Our first tabling of the year will be April 3: 4:45-10:00. CCL-Kansas will help out. Sign-up spreadsheet (2-hour shifts) can be found at:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1776rM4cOHcXU46lhNd6E8oOcGkqKWY0DNxYTkLJSb7U/edit?usp=sharing>

e. KC Community Gardens Tomato Day at Swope Park, April 29 (Joe). Joe is arranging for us to table and pass out fliers and stickers at this well attended event.

7. Earthday Events. CCL-KC will be participating in a large number of events, some of which will be happening at the same time. We will need lots of volunteers, and will need to solidify our rosters at our April 14 meeting. Here is what we know so far, in chronological order:

a. Climate Council 2020 Earth Festival, April 18, Plaza Library (10-6). All day tabling with CCL-K. Speakers Forum (11-12) 5 min and Climate University (1-6) 45-minute presentation on H.R. 763. Steve and Jennifer Brown (CCL-Kansas will handle the speaking chores, subject to change.)

b. Possible tabling at Deep Roots event, April 18. Joe is setting up.

c. Temple Green Team (Heart and Soil) tabling on Apr 19 from 12:00 to 2:30. Dave will coordinate this event.

d. Climate Strike, April 22. Not yet sure where and when, but this is a prime opportunity to work the crowds and pass out fliers/stickers.

e. American Public Square Panel Discussion, April 22, 6-8 PM, at Unity Temple. We will operate a table and may even have a member on the panel.

f. Climate Council 2020 Earth Festival Closing Events, April 26, Plaza Library (1-6) Tabling with CCL-K.

g. Church of Redeemer Episcopal Church, KC North. Kurt is handling the activities on April 15 and 22, himself, but will reach out for assistance for the event on April 29.

h. CAKC event icw Bridging the Gap. No details on this event yet, but this will become a priority for CCL-KC and will be discussed further as details develop.

(See Climate Council of Greater Kansas City website for a more complete list of East Week events)

8. 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 codes come out this Fall. Frank and Eslun met with Councilman Eric Bunch to gain his support. We agreed that Frank would sign the consortium's letter to the mayor on behalf of CCL-KC. Great work by our KCMO team!

9. Bill to allow solar panels where prohibited by homeowners associations. (Theresa) HB2526 is a bill that would prohibit Homeowner Associations in Missouri from forbidding the installation of solar panels. This could open the door to significant increases in homeowner use of renewable energy. The bill has been introduced in the Missouri State House, and has been reported out of Committee. It is on a calendar for "perfection" but we do not know when it will proceed to a floor vote. However, a floor vote is the next major step to progress, so the time is NOW to alert your state representatives that you support this bill (we will alert you when it's time to contact state senators, assuming the bill passes the House and goes to the Senate). And by the way, the bill was introduced by Mike Haffner of Cass County, a Republican. If you know anyone who lives in Cass County and could get them to call his office with appreciation and admiration, that would be great!

10. City Endorsements Update.

a. Lee's Summit Team of Grant Gengelbach, Scott Arnold, Jim McGraw, and Dave M. have prepared a presentation, and seeking appointment with a sympathetic city council member for initial appointment.

b. Dennis is seeking an appointment with the Independence mayor for the week of March 23-27.

c. North Kansas City. Theresa will get back in touch with interested council member.

11. Monthly Phone Calls. All members are encouraged to sign up (cclcalls.org.) and make calls to MOCs.

12. Website, Facebook, Social media. Please remember to take pictures at all events for publication on our media sites.

13. Newsletter (Julie). The February newsletter had a 20% open rate, about 70 people. The most popular article was the one on Theresa's letter published in the Star.

14. Treasurers report. (Donna reports we have \$353 available to spend. The biggest expense last month was printing costs, \$41.

15. The meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

16. Our next monthly meeting will be on TUESDAY, April 14, in the downstairs multi-purpose room at the Central Library, 10th and Baltimore, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We are trying to find a different meeting place, so please read the next newsletter to confirm the date and place. Hope to see everyone there.

14. Thank you for all you do! We are obviously getting very busy and will need everyone's help in this critical election year! If you haven't been active with us recently, rest assured we will welcome you back with open arms! Now is the time to make a difference!

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

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