

Climate & Environment Council

July 26, 2024

9 –11 a.m.

MARC Board Room

600 Broadway, Ste. 200 Kansas City, Mo 64105

1. Welcome and Introductions (5minutes)
2. Approval of June meeting minutes* (1 minute)
 - a. APPROVED
3. CEC Member Projects Presentation and Discussion (30 minutes)
 - a. Project: Noble's [BOONAREA1](#): An environmental nature-based, interactive, functional art installation that acts as a contemporary community garden that also functions as a neighborhood revenue generator'. This once blighted Land Bank property (1 of 3,000) is located in a disinvested business zone, in a disparity zip code on the west side of District 5 in Kansas City, Mo. (Carl Sanford, My Region Wins)
 - In 2016, My Region Wins! Obtained the landbank where BOON AREA 1 is now located. The landbank is within an Environmental Justice community. Before creating BOON AREA 1, there was more illegal activity that has since decreased. Community members are welcome to come and tend the Contemporary Community Garden, and if the people helping are without homes, they are welcome to reside at BOON AREA 1.
 - ii. How can we help at CEC?
 - Advocate about BOON AREA 1 and how folks can get involved. CEC could help us set up volunteer days.
 - Grinnell College was awarded MRW! the innovative award for 2024 as an up-and-coming project.
 - Do you have any grants or funds?
 - Yes, we have received funds from the Schumacher Foundation and the Charlotte Street foundation.
 - The city supports art in the city, but we need to support nature as art.
4. Project Pre-Development Support Discussion (40 minutes)
 - a. Heartland Eastside Neighborhood Coalition (Antoine Lee, HENC)
 - Antoine Lee shared tips on project pre-development and important steps to ensure funding/follow-through. In project pre-development, Antione shared the importance of nonprofits getting involved in project planning early. A step nonprofit doesn't always know to take is to enter a Memorandum of Agreement with larger project

partners to ensure the scope of work stays the same throughout the project, so the nonprofits aren't left out.

For smaller nonprofits to pair with larger organizations, the nonprofits are more likely to receive funds and follow through than if they were to go after opportunities alone. The idea is that by working together, we can get more done than if we try to accomplish goals individually.

b. Discussion/Questions:

- Grants are speculative, what happens when an MOA is signed but a grant is not awarded?
 - Nothing will happen if the grant is not awarded. The MOA just ensures time is respected.
- MOAs need to identify people in the neighborhood who can help meet the stipulations of the grant. The MOA gives directives and incentivizes leaders of the neighborhood to meet the needs of the neighborhood.

5. Resilience Success Stories Planning Update

- a.** The Resilient Success Stories event planning is underway. The CEC subcommittee has met a few times to gather feedback on the process. The Success Stories application is about to be open. The application will be open until mid-September. The Pitch Competition process is being ironed out, and our goal is to have that application live by the start of September.

6. Transportation Emissions Committee* (10 minutes)

a. Committee Role

- i.** Review project applications and provide funding recommendations to TTPC for:
- Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), and
 - Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)
- ii.** Assist in ongoing monitoring, program management, and reporting of progress of projects funded through these programs

b. Policy Guidance

- i.** Consider goals, strategies and priorities of MARC's metropolitan transportation plan, ConnectedKC 2050
- ii.** Consider priorities and input from MARC's transportation modal planning and policy committees, including the Air Quality Forum (AQF), Climate and Environment Council (CEC), and the Sustainable Places Policy Committee (SPPC)
- iii.** Program Funds for projects/programs designed to help meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act and the federal transportation authorizing legislation and reduce transportation emissions from on-road highway sources

c. Eligible Projects and Activities

- i.** Projects and activities identified as eligible for funding through the Carbon Reduction (CRP) Program and/or Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ). Examples include:
- Public transportation: Capital investments (Buses, bus facilities, etc.) Operation of some services.
 - Bike/ped facilities: Bike, pedestrian, non-motorized facilities. Sidewalks, on/off-street bike infrastructure. Multi-use paths, etc.
 - Alternative fuels: Biodiesel, ethanol, hydrogen, natural gas, propane, renewable diesel. EV's and EV charging infrastructure.
 - Energy-efficient alternatives: Replacing Street lighting and traffic control devices with energy-efficient alternatives
 - Travel demand/system management strategies: Traffic monitoring, management, and control facilities. Traffic signal synchronization efforts, etc.
- ii.** Additional guidance related to CRP and CMAQ sponsor, project, and activity eligibility:
- CRP: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/crp_fact_sheet.cfm

- CMAQ: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/cmaq.cfm>

d. Select one member to represent CEC

i. Xue Woods – NKC

- Approved!

7. Next Meeting – August 23, 2024

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