

ACECMO/KCMO Liaison Committee

June 2021 Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 10th at Noon - 1:00 PM

Venue: Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

ACEC

Steve Schultz, Chair (Bartlett & West)
Jessi Veach (CDM Smith)
Colleen Connor (GBA)
Chris Burns (CDM Smith)
Tony O'Malley (Lamp Rynearson)
Kristen Leathers-Gratton (Affinis)
Agnes Otto (Burns & McDonnell)
Steve Wells (Hg Consult)
Dawn Hill (ACEC/MO)
~~Morgan Mundell (ACEC President)~~
Steve Hileman (Lochner) – guest

Aviation

~~Pat Klein (Director)~~
~~Jade Liska (Deputy Director)~~

Area Transportation Authority

~~Jameson Auten (Deputy CEO & COO)~~
~~Keith Sanders (Chief Engineer)~~
~~Dick Jarrold (VP, Regional VP)~~
~~David Johnson (VP, Planning & Strategy)~~

Human Resources

~~Andrea Dorch (Director)~~

Public Works

Michael Shaw (Director)
~~Jason Waldron (Transportation Director)~~
David Miller (City Engineer)
Chad Thompson (Assist City Eng)
~~Patty Hilderbrand (Coord. Services Div. Mgr.)~~
~~Mark Montgomery (Assist City Eng – Const & Neigh.)~~

Water

Terry Leeds (Director)
Matt Bond (Deputy Director)
Jeff Martin (Chief Engineering Officer)
Melanie Jollett (Distribution Division Head)
Dan Ott (Project Management Section Head)
Srinu Vallabhaneni (Smart Sewer Officer)
Brian Hess (Smart Sewer Division Head)
Travis Kiefer (Develop. & Permit Util. Officer)

Parks and Recreation

~~James Wang (Chief Engineer)~~

Streetcar Authority

~~Tom Gerend (Executive Director)~~

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- 1) Department Updates
- A. AVIATION**
 - i. Terminal Project is still on time and budget for a March 2023 opening.
 - B. AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**
 - i. No report
 - C. HUMAN RESOURCES**
 - i. No report (Invite Andrea Dorch, HRD Director & Kym Daniels, MWDBE Manager to future meetings. Include LaVetta Taylor in the calendar invitation.)
 - D. PARKS AND RECREATION**
 - i. Terry Rynard is leaving the department effective July 5th.
 - E. STREETCAR AUTHORITY**
 - i. No report
 - F. PUBLIC WORKS**
 - i. No significant changes
 - ii. The budget was approved May 1st, with final funding in place in a couple of weeks. The department is adjusting its project list, and RFQ/P's will be going out in the next couple of months.

- iii. The department is working with the technical committee to determine next year's capital improvement projects.
- iv. Staff is not fully back in the office

G. WATER SERVICES

- i. Blake Anderson is now the facility division head reporting to Jeff Martin. Blake will manage multi-disciplinary projects "inside the fence."
- ii. Mike Klender, Utility Officer - Water Supply Division (Water Plant Manager) is retiring July 30th.
- iii. Aaron Balliet, is Deputy Director over Water Supply.
- iv. A website is available for updates on the department's involvement with the streetcar project: <https://www.kcwater.us/upgradesonmain/>
- v. The department's upcoming project list is best found in the NUCA rollout brochure.
- vi. Risk and Resilience and water main project opportunities
FY 22 RFQ/P Water Main projects will be coming out July 7th
- vii. Several of FY 21 projects wrapping up the design
- viii. The department is looking at a risk/resiliency evaluation of Water Main improvement projects.
- ix. There is a water master plan coming out that will include a risk/resiliency analysis using a digital twin computer model of the City's system. In addition, the department is focusing on performing a risk reduction analysis in many areas.
- x. The next quarterly Smart Sewer design professional update will occur on June 30th. The presentation will provide Smart Sewer program updates for upcoming projects. E-mail Srimi to be added to the invite list. A KC Water update will be scheduled for September.
- xi. Projects:
 - 1. Green infrastructure project at 63rd and Paseo – the department is completing the conceptual report with the RFQ/P coming out this fall
 - 2. The Smart Sensor network project will be split into two sections:
 - a. A Maintenance and field contract with a July RFQ/P
 - b. A Design Professional contract for data analytics coming out late July.

2) Old Business

- a. Steve Hileman provided an update on the Plan Review Checklist. The PW department will perform a final evaluation and then roll it out to the consultants.

3) New Business

- a. Current Legislative Issues at State and National (Morgan)
 - i. After the Missouri legislature passed a 5-year, 2.5 cents/gallon annual increase in the gas tax, Americans for Prosperity-Missouri filed an initiative petition to place the State Gas Tax Increase on the ballot for a vote of the people. If the initiative petition is successful, it will most likely be on a November 2022 ballot.
 - ii. The City is not making a permanent transition to electronic submittals of SOQs but will allow it on a case by case basis. City Staff encouraged the consultants to index their RFQ submittals that are in PDF format.
- b. The Water Department will visit with PW staff to discuss how they received approval for a design-build stipend. Council has not completely embraced the idea for the short-list participants to receive a stipend, but it has been approved on some larger water projects.

4) Tentative Next Meeting: In-person on Thursday, September 8th, 2021, at KCI hosted by Jade Liska.