

**CESAS Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. CST
DURLAND 2036**

Attended: Tami Alexander, Larry Erickson, Eric Eric Kirkendall, Kate Nelson, Donna Schenck-Hamlin*, Lee Skabelund, Ellen Urton

1. Review of the agenda (Larry) – no updates

2. Clean Air Now program <http://cankc.org/> (Eric)

Domain: Kansas City KS/MO region, including native tribal groups. Focus: preventing, mitigating disease resulting from air pollution. Collaborations: work with Children's Mercy <https://www.childrensmercy.org/>, Bridging the Gap <https://bridgingthegap.org/> KC regional sustainability organization, Moving Forward Network of KC concentrating on freight <http://www.movingforwardnetwork.com/tag/kansas-city/>) and other groups. Most important to discuss now is the KC regional air monitoring program, including 5 cities. We are the only organization in the metro area that routinely does monitoring of hot spots. We're not just looking at averages, but where the health risks are concentrated. Lawrence, Topeka, Prairie Band Pottawatomie nation, Kansas City Kansas, [Johnson County?] are partnering. Recently we monitored at a housing complex in KCK and found dangerous levels of pollution from the nearby interstate. We met with management of the complex, and worked to plan mitigation efforts: putting a physical barrier between the highway and complex and providing more efficient filters. Bridging the Gap partnered to plant cedar trees for pollution absorption. We trained staff of Pottawatomie nation to use our monitor. 12 have people including 8 interns from KU. We are grassroots, have ¼ time person short term. All others volunteers. We will meet with them and with Sierra Club. See also: <https://cleancities.energy.gov/coalitions/kansas-city> KC Clean Cities Initiative

3. Dialog on Sustainability, Saturday, July 20, 2019

Topic for 2019 is "Climate Change and Storm Water Management"

See attached draft of featured speakers and topics, public invitation.

Discussion:

- Kate and Vahid got CECD engagement incentive funds to build partnerships with the community on sustainability issues, designating wildcat creek as a living laboratory. Hoping first to meet and talk with people interested in these topics. As part of grant we hope to put on a short workshop on flooding issues in the fall, that could build off the Dialogue event. We can showcase student project work. Chad Bunger is partner with Kate on grant; Wildcat Creek watershed community encompasses a lot of different people; Laurel went to Tuttle Creek Reservoir presentation.
- Lee would be willing to add an overview at the end of the speakers list.
- Topics: Climate action coalitions, Flood plain mgt. may be incorporated into speaker presentation.
- Dialogue should have more to do with what a household and business can do.
- Farm ponds runoff reduction;

4. Wealth Program – see CEP and Climate Advocacy Lab June 24/25 Campaign Planning workshop announcement.

5. Global Food Sustainability – Lots of farmers have been unable to enter their fields

6. Ecoliteracy Book Club – Book Science Magazine May 10 pg. 536 reviews the book Chocked by Beth Gardner. 2019 published, about air pollution and issues related to it. Guardian reviewed it April 3. London.

7. Wildcat Creek Watershed – n/a

8. Other – n/a

Next Meeting – TBD