

EMG Excom notes Oct. 15, 2019

Excom members Present: Ken, Caitlin, Tim, Glenn, Segolene

Guests: Caroline, Henry

1. Minutes review, approved Sept minutes

2. Sierra Scape update. Caitlin has revised format which looks great, and will be ready soon for proofreading review. Goal is to have ballots due Dec 6. We have four candidates for three spots.

3. Henry presented power point on ST Louis City ready for 100 % Clean process and progress. Henry and Andy (Knott) are on advisory committee. Goal is 100 % clean energy by 2025. Combination of energy efficiently, solar and wind. Ameren has multiple pathways to help but are expensive. Other pathways available but involve a lot of energy from outside the state.

Building codes that require new buildings to be solar and EV ready – this is an option to add on.

The project has wide support, but cost is always an issue for the city.

We need to keep pressure on this project to help the city follow through.

4. Monthly programs, Oct program and dinner is set up. Ken will contact Richard and Toni to see if they will lead Nov photo share program. We will also need to post details on EMG website. Dec 7 is holiday party.

5. Nov 15 event request for SC presentation request to high school students on climate action. Caroline will check further with John about possible involvement of staff or interns. Also consider Beyond Coal campaign folks? Caitlin is willing to go but would want to attend with another person more knowledgeable

6. Report from chapter Excom meeting topics: presentation on wind farm impacts on bat and bird data and analysis by MDC and USFW, presentation by Caitlin on new branding SC message and more.

7. Outings and trails committees update. Trails committee has passed resolution calling for continuing the no bicycle policy for Emenegger Park. Currently there is no chosen plan to put a bike path in that Park but it is assumed to be an

option. Caroline has asked Outings committee for a response to Trails committee resolution. She suggests that we give that committee time to respond before Excom considers it.

8. Conservation report: Caroline reported that are still plugged into group working on Bangert Island area development. She hopes we can have St Charles area volunteers engaged in a campaign in early 2020. Franklin County is considering zoning changes which would open up much of the county to CAFO development. Zoning hearing tonight.

9. Glenn suggested a donation to Earth Day 365. They have several staff and about 50 volunteers. Their funds come primarily from recycling income. They do a lot of education. Caitlin suggested that we also consider modest donations to groups who do programs for us.

Caitlin said the Grow Solar program would benefit from promotion. Could we consider a newsletter article, or ad?

We need to purchase sand bags to hold down banner.

10. Nov 12, Tues, next meeting.