

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF EDINA MINNESOTA**  
**ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION**  
**EDINA CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM**  
**Thurs., June 14, 2012**  
**7:03 PM**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:03 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** Answering Roll Call was Members Gubrud, Heer, Jennings, Kostuch, Latham, Risser, Rudnicki, and Chair Sierks  
Absent: Gupta, Thompson, and Zarrin  
Staff Present: Ross Bintner, Karen Kurt, and Rebecca Foster
- III. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA.** Member Latham requested the Edina Go Green Letter and Chair and Commission Member Comments Agenda Items to occur after the Recycling & Solid Waste WG Item due to her leaving the meeting early.

**Motion made by Member Gubrud and seconded by Member Latham to approve the amended Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

**IV. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes

**Motion made by Member Kostuch and seconded by Member Rudnicki to approve the May Minutes per the edits discussed. Motion carried unanimously.**

- B. Attendance report and revised roster. No Report.
- C. Working Group membership roster. Remove David B VanDongen from the temporarily deactivated Air Quality Working Group to the Water Quality Working Group. Laura Eaton resigned from the Education & Outreach Working Group. Commissioners thanked her for her outstanding job and service.
- D. EEC annual activity calendar. Member Latham will incorporate redline changes that were discussed.
- E. Work group minutes tracking sheet. Members gave an update on the status of their minutes.

**V. COMMUNITY COMMENT**

Germana Paterlini has missed three consecutive meetings and has been deemed to have resigned from the Commission per city code.

Ms Kurt introduced Ross Bintner as the new Environmental Engineer and EEC staff liaison.

**VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

A. Recycling & Solid Waste WG

1. Residential recycling RFP update. The City Council approved staff to enter into contract negotiations with "best value" proposal for Residential Curbside Recycling. Member Latham would like to start

creating an environmental metric and work with Hennepin County and review what other City's have done before the next bidding process begins.

- B. Air and Water Quality WG. Member Risser gave an update on the revision of the Drive Through Ordinance. The Working Group revised the decision to let PCD1 zoning district to have Drive Throughs. Member Risser gave an update on the MS4 annual meeting.
  - 1. Mayors' letter to support Clean Air Act legislation. The letter was sent.
- C. Energy WG
  - 1. Environmental Initiatives Awards winners. The City won awards for PACE and Green Step Cities. Member Heer thanked Chair Sierks for his involvement with submitting the applications.
- D. Education Outreach WG
  - 1. May Term Intern projects. Member Jennings visited five elementary schools and taught them how to turn off lights, recycle, compost, etc. She discovered she was reinforcing what the children already knew.
  - 2. 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade unit. Member Gubrud said the Home Energy Squad will be in the parade and Tolby tattoos and switch plates will be handed out.
- E. Green Step Cities Review. Chair Sierks reviewed the Green Step Cities the city has certified and discussed what's completed and who will be maintaining the data if it's ongoing.
  - Step 1.1 – The Property Manager will maintain the data entry.
  - Step 1.2 – McKinstry will report to city on energy savings and then have City staff create a RFP to have a consultant do an investment grade audit.
  - Step 1.7 - Completed no follow up needed.
  - Step 2.1 – Expand PACE to residential.
  - Step 2.5 – The watering ordinance needs to be monitored better. Possibly install “smart water meters” in the future that knows the watering bans.
  - Step 6.1 – Completed no follow up needed.
  - Step 6.2 – Need to edit city ordinances that conflict with Comp Plan.
  - Step 8.1 – Completed no follow up needed.
  - Step 8.3 – Completed no follow up needed.

Member Gubrud would like to revisit the Mission and Charter of the EEC.

## VII. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS

- A. Request from Edina Go Green to address commercial recycling. Chair Sierks received a letter recommending the EEC to implement mandatory commercial recycling. Member Latham said the RSW Working Group has reviewed the request in the past and city staff gave an estimate of the number of hours it would be to enforce the recycling requirement. Member Latham asked that the EEC to table this item until there is city staff time available for enforcement and the city needs to create an inspection mechanism.

**Motion made by Member Latham and seconded by Member Gubrud to table until discussion of 2013 objectives. Motion carried unanimously.**

- ## VIII. CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS.
- Member Latham informed the Commissioners that her neighbors sealed their driveway with coal tar and made a formal complaint to the Edina Police Dept. Mr. Bintner is researching a method for testing the sealant to see if coal tar exists within it. Member Latham gave an update on Xcel Energy dropping Solar Incentives.

**Commissioner Latham excused herself from the meeting at 8:06 p.m.**

IX. STAFF COMMENTS

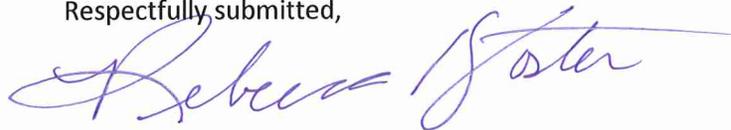
- A. Review Board and Commission Annual Work Plan Process. Ms Kurt said on September 19<sup>th</sup> the City Council will have a Work Session with all of the Commission Chairs to review their 2013 work plans. The Council will have its strategic retreat in October to plan for budget and staff. The City work plan will be released in November. Ms Kurt asked for a volunteer for a Human Services committee.

Chair Sierks requested Commissioners to think about their top three priorities that they would like to complete in 2013 that would fit with the EEC Mission and Green Steps Cities.

There being no further business on the Commission Agenda, Chair Sierks declared the meeting adjourned at 9:14p.m.

**Motion made by Member Risser and seconded by Member Rudnicki to adjourn meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Foster  
GIS Administrator