

**MINUTES
CITY OF EDINA MINNESOTA
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
EDINA CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
Thurs., July 12, 2012
7:04 PM**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:04 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** Answering Roll Call was Members Gubrud, Heer, Kostuch, Latham, Rudnicki, Thompson, and Chair Sierks
- Absent: Gupta, Jennings, and Risser
- Staff Present: Ross Bintner, Karen Kurt, Rebecca Foster and Solvei Wilmot

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion made by Member Heer and seconded by Member Thompson to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes
- B. Attendance report and roster
- C. Workgroup minutes

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

V. COMMUNITY COMMENT

Suresh Sreeni, Resident, came to observe the meeting.

Rich Hirstein, Allied Waste, is attending the meeting to listen to the Residential Recycling contract discussion.

VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Work Plan Development
 1. Description of process. EEC Members will forward all of their priorities to Mr. Bintner and he'll compile them into themes and forward to the EEC Chair. All voting is due by Aug. 1st.
 2. Members presented their top five priorities, policies, projects or green step practices.
 - Member Latham: Urban Forest Task Force, Hauling License Update, RFP Metrics, RFP Procedures
 - Member Kostuch: Intensifying our Public Education on Personal Energy Use, Measure the activities and results of the EEC
 - Member Gubrud: Communicate education materials and events, Raise awareness with residents to reduce carbon footprint and conserve energy, Promote PACE with commercial, Continue Green Step Cities, Teach political process to increase energy efficiency
 - Member Thompson: Continue energy efficiency within schools, Develop closer relationship with community partners, Energene promotion with faith-based groups.

Member Zarrin: RFP experience, Education community outreach annual Earth Day meetings, Collaborate with other groups in the community, More collaboration with schools, EEC, municipal for education and mandatory business recycling.

Member Heer: Create a Grants Working Group, Energy efficiency within RFP, Better air quality

Member Sierks: Comprehensive city building recommissioning, Develop city GHG reduction plan and strategies, Comp Plan Chapter 10 update city ordinances, Promote PACE to businesses

3. Criteria for ranking. EEC Members asked that 6pts to the high score instead of 1pts. Change criteria "D" to read "Provide Significant Cost Savings to City, residents or business. Change criteria "E" to "Easily Implemented". Add criteria "F" to read "Promotes Awareness and Public Education related to EEC Mission. Add criteria "G" to read "Aligns with EEC Duties".

B. Recycling & Solid Waste WG

1. Chair update. Member Latham gave an update on the RFP process. Allied originally had the top score for environmental, education and qualification criteria whereas Waste Management had the lowest bid price. In the process of obtaining clarification on Waste Management's revenue sharing formula, it was discovered that there had been inconsistency in their RFP response regarding the proposed formula. When the correct formula was used and the household rate recalculated, staff became aware that the Allied proposal was the lowest bid, not Waste Management. Foth revised their consulting report to reflect the adjusted numbers.
2. Mrs. Wilmot gave a presentation on how the RFP were scored originally and explained how the scores changed during the negotiations between Allied and Waste Management. Staff recommended acceptance of the Allied proposal with the negotiated changes.

Motion made by Member Latham and seconded by Member Gubrud that the EEC finds the revised staff analysis complete, and that the Council accept the staff recommendation of a contract with Allied Waste Services. Motion passed. Member Rudnicki voted Nay.

Member Latham invited EEC members to attend a tour of Mdewakanton Sioux composting site on August 8th at 10:00am.

C. Air and Water Quality WG

1. Chair update. This topic was tabled.

D. Energy WG

1. Chair update. Member Heer said the group would like to work on fuel options for City vehicles, wind turbines, and energy efficiency.

Commissioner Rudnicki excused himself from the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

E. Education Outreach WG

1. Chair update. Member Gubrud requested the EEC members to do a CERTS Solar Workshop in November.

Motion made by Member Gubrud and seconded by Member Zarrin to plan for a CERTS Solar Workshop on November 1st. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Gubrud would like to host environment videos and hold discussions at the Southdale or Grandview Libraries. Member Thompson thanked all of the EEC Members for their support during the July 4th parade. Member Thompson is asking for help to notify more of the faith members at CPC, OLG, and St Patricks to attend an Energy Efficient Audit Workshop on July 31st at Edina Community Lutheran Church.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS

A. Green Step Cities – Level 3 Designation. Member Thompson said he received the third block.

VIII. CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS. No Comments.

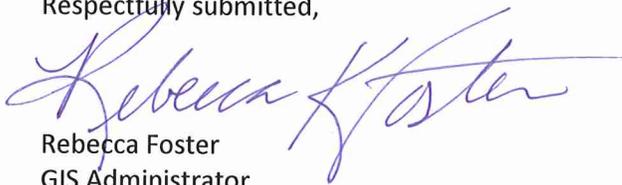
IX. STAFF COMMENTS

A. Wellhead Protection Plan. Mr. Bintner said he'll release the Wellhead Protection Plan for review soon.

There being no further business on the Commission Agenda, Chair Sierks declared the meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Motion made by Member Zarrin and seconded by Member Kostuch to adjourn meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Foster
GIS Administrator