

MINUTES
CITY OF EDINA MINNESOTA
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
EDINA CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
Thursday October 11, 2012
7:02 PM

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:02p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** Answering Roll Call was Brandt, Gubrud, Heer, Latham, Risser, Rudnicki, Sokol, Thompson, Zarrin, and Chair Sierks
- Late Arrival: Latham
Absent: Kostuch
Staff Present: Ross Bintner and Rebecca Foster
- III. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA.** Chair Sierks requested Item 8A discussed after Community Comment due to him leaving the meeting early.

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

IV. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes
- B. Attendance report and roster
- C. Workgroup list and minutes. Member Zarrin said that a Member shouldn't be marked as absent on the RSW WG Minutes, because the recycling tours took place during the day and not at their regularly scheduled meetings.

Chair Sierks thanked the support staff for creating the packets.

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

V. **COMMUNITY COMMENT.** No Comments.

VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. EEC Budget Update. Mr. Bintner reported the remaining balance is \$5,856.69. Mr. Bintner asked the Commission if they wanted to renew the \$600 ICLEI membership.

Motion made by Member Heer and seconded by Member Gubrud to approve the payment of the ICLEI 2013 membership. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. EEEP proposed changes. The City has processed two applications for the EEEP and realized a few changes need to be done to the application. Mr. Bintner said the finances need to be clarified; the council process to approve applications, the fees paid for minimum project from \$2500 to \$20,000, and requiring a bond buyer certification.

Motion made by Member Latham and seconded by Member Thompson to approve Energy Working Group to review the proposed EEEP edits. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Recycling & Solid Waste WG. Member Latham gave an update on how Ms. Wilmot had to send letters to haulers asking how much solid waste was removed from the City to keep their licenses current.
- D. Air and Water Quality WG. Member Risser gave an update about possibly using funds left over from the Conservation League of Edina to create Rain Gardens with Metro Blooms and combine it with cost share grants from Nine Mile Creek Watershed. Member Risser expressed concern about the City's timing with leaf blowing and street sweeping and maybe thought the working group could do some education to residents about how they should help keep the curb and gutters clean to have better water quality. Member Risser also needs to follow up with the City on their salt usage during winter months.
- E. Energy WG. Member Heer gave an update on how they reviewed the 2013 EEC work plan and discussed what they will do to support them. EEEP will be their number one priority.
- F. Education Outreach WG
 - i. November 15 solar workshop. Member Thompson discussed how they will advertise for the solar workshop.

Motion made by Member Gubrud and seconded by Member Risser to approve communications and promotional materials up to \$500 for the CERTS Solar Workshop. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Thompson said there will be buckthorn pulling at Bredesen Park and Member Guburd said the Home Energy Squad will be present helping seniors maintain their properties on October 13th for Edina Day of Service. Member Zarrin announced on January 7th there will be an opportunity to connect with other Environmental Groups to discuss topics.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS

- A. Air Quality correspondences. The letter and email received are considered information only unless the City Council requests the EEC to take action.
- B. Business Recycling correspondence. The letter received is considered information only unless the City Council requests the EEC to take action.

VIII. CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. September 19 Council workshop (CC workplan process). Chairs Sierks gave an update on the Council Workshop and stated the following other Board's work plans that had a common area with the EEC. The Park Board with future use of land and facilities. Health, Planning and Transportation with Living Streets. Heritage Preservation with sustainability on homes.

Chair Sierks said that the new Golf Dome site survey should be reviewed by the EEC for energy efficiency. Member Risser offered to write a proposal on how to review the site survey for energy efficiency. The review should include the calculation of the new energy usage and compare it to the old building.

Council wants Business Recycling to be a priority. EEC asked the RSW WG to write the process on what needs to be done to have mandatory business recycling within the city and present it at the 2013 joint Council Work Session.

The Council will review all of the Commission's Work Plans at their retreat and announce their priorities.

Chair Sierks excused himself from meeting at 7:35pm and Vice Chair Heer became acting Chair.

- B. Workplan/Workgroup/Commission coordination. Member Heer suggested that after the EEC 2013 work plan gets approved the working groups need to be aligned with the plan to accomplish the goals.
- C. January meeting preparation. The Members brainstormed the following topics to be discussed at the televised January meeting.
 - i. Allied Single Sort
 - ii. Park Recycling Bins
 - iii. McKinstry Garenteed Energy Savings
 - iv. B3 Project - City Facilities and show Gas and Electric Graphs
 - v. Regional Indicators Project
 - vi. Green Steps City's Project
 - vii. Water Usage
 - viii. Student Members will provided update on projects at the school level

IX. STAFF COMMENTS

- A. Sustainability review for neighborhood reconstruction projects. Mr. Bintner is starting to think about how to incorporate Living Streets (Bicycles, Sidewalks) and Sustainability (Equity, Environment, Economy) for future street reconstruction Feasibility Studies.
- B. Living Streets. Paul Nelson, Edina Transportation Chair, and Wayne Houle, City Engineer, gave an update on how Living Streets begun which is a more accessible and sustainable transportation system. There are currently two street reconstructions, Tracy Ave is implementing rain gardens and Gallagher Dr is installing bio swales, as part of the Living Streets goals. The France Ave crosswalks is a future project where trees will be planted and a buffer created between the street and sidewalks. Mr. Nelson clarified how to use the Bike Advisory Lanes that were currently installed within the city. Member Latham requested the EEC Urban Forest Task Force work with the ETC to incorporate it into Living Streets.
- C. Solar web links. Mr. Bintner presented the solar usage for Grandview Tire & Auto and City Hall.
- D. Draft TMDL Load Allocation – Minnehaha Creek, Lake Hiawatha. Mr. Bintner gave an update on the process.
- E. Clean water service projects. Refer to the Education & Outreach working group update.

Member Risser presented her draft Energy Efficiency Advisory review for the new Braemar Golf Dome.

Motion made by Member Risser and seconded by Member Latham to move forward with the Advisory consisted of Members Risser, Rudnicki and Chair Sierks. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business on the Commission Agenda, Acting Chair Heer declared the meeting adjourned at 9:17p.m.

Motion made by Member Latham and seconded by Member Gubrud to adjourn meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca Foster". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rebecca Foster
GIS Administrator