

**MINUTES
CITY OF EDINA MINNESOTA
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
EDINA CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
Thursday February 14, 2013
7:03 PM**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** 7:03p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL** Answering Roll Call was Brandt, Gubrud, Heer, Kostuch, , Risser, Rudnicki, Thompson, Zarrin, and Chair Sierks
Late Arrival: Latham, Sokol
Staff Present: Ross Bintner, Rebecca Foster and Solvei Wilmot
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA.** Chair Sierks requested Items VI. B. ii. and F. to be delayed until after Member Latham arrives.

**Motion made by Member Rudnicki and seconded by Member Kostuch 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 Risser requested the following Water Quality Working Group Members to be removed from the list due to lack of participation Bill Johnson, Robert Skrentner and George Hunter.

Motion made by Member Risser and seconded by Member Zarrin to approve the Minutes for December as amended and the Work Group list as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Member Gubrud and seconded by Member Thompson to approve the Minutes for January as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

V. COMMUNITY COMMENT. No Comments.

VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Air and Water Quality WG. Member Risser said the Storm Water Pollution Plan will be the group's main focus. The group would also like to work closely with the Laura Adler the new Water Resource Coordinator. Laura coordinates the Wellhead Protection Plan, Storm Water Prevention Pollution Plan and Comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan.
- B. Recycling & Solid Waste WG
 - i. Edina Business Recycling Task Force. Member Zarrin gave an update on how Hennepin County is creating a Business Recycling Brochure and the task force is hoping it'll be done by April. The manager from Allied Waste will be at the next meeting to discuss how business recycling is done and how it's different from residential recycling. Member Zarrin is planning on promoting business recycling in the About Town, Chamber of Commerce Newsletter and Sun Current. All articles will be reviewed by the City's Communications Department before it's released. Member Zarrin would like to promote businesses, especially Jerry's Foods, who's currently zero

waste and ask them how they did it. Member Zarrin would like the city's website to be updated with Edina Business Recycling.

- ii. Report recommending amendment of ordinance section 1300 Collection and Disposal of Refuse and Recyclables. Member Latham gave an update on the edits to the ordinance section 1300 Collection and Disposal of Refuse and Recyclables. A final copy will be approved at the May meeting.

C. Education Outreach WG

- i. April 18th Edina Forum: "what's up with the weather?" Member Thompson gave an update on the Forum of "Changing climate and what to do about it". The event will have a resource fair prior to the forum. The event will be advertised in the About Town Calendar. Senator Franken will either be speaking or do a welcome video. All of the legislators are invited too. Member Latham suggested having master gardeners or horticulturist that live in Edina talk about what's changed with gardening. Paul Douglas will be the Keynote presenting Minnesota's changing weather. J. Drake Hamilton, Fresh Energy, will discuss what actions people can take legislatively. Member Rudnicki asked Members Sokol and Brandt to Tweet about the event and other energy tips. Both Members said they'd be willing to Tweet if the Commission provides bullet points for them. Member Thompson might request money to place an ad in the Sun Current and for promotional materials.

Member Gubrud will write a proclamation for Earth Day to get approval at the March EEC meeting.

- D. Student Initiatives. Member Sokol announced that Planet Earth Club didn't get the grant for hand dryers in the bathrooms.
- E. Energy WG. Member Heer said they had a joint meeting with the Education and Outreach work group, because the work plan overlapped between both works groups. The work group will focus on the Building Energy Efficiency through the State program first.
- F. Green Step Cities Presentation. Philipp Muessig is the coordinator for Green Step Cities. He presented what the current and possible future green steps will include. He said Step 4 might be completing more actions at higher star level, more actions under a Best Practice or more Best Practices. Chair Sierks thanked Member Latham for her time in having the City complete Green Step Cities. Mr. Muessig said Edina's PACE program puts them at a higher level than other cities. Mr. Muessig said Green Steps is used as a reporting system for cities to help Councils see sustainability, cost savings and a vehicle for more transparency. He said Step 5 might be for cities to start using Regional Indicators Reports as a measuring tool. He said Steps 6 & 7 might be indicators looking at wealth, health, school attainment, noise or crime.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS. No Comments.

VIII. CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. 2013 Workplan and Commission workgroups. Chair Sierks reviewed the EEC work plan and proposed a meeting schedule to accomplish the work plan priorities.
- B. Schedule of work and future meeting topics and speakers. Chair Sierks proposed the meeting schedule to stay more focused on priorities. A discussion about how to accomplish the work plan item will occur at each meeting. Chair Sierks asked the Members to review the plan and email Ross if they have any concerns about the priorities. Member Kostuch was concerned that Work Plan 4 and 8 are too much for

the July meeting. Chair Sierks is asking work groups to create a work plan, so new volunteers understand what the group does before they join. Chair Sierks said maybe the work group model needs to be reviewed and matched up with a work plan item in order for the EEC to accomplish their work plan. Member Zarrin suggested that more communication about what the EEC is doing to get the public more interested in joining work groups.

The mandatory joint Work Session with Council will occur June 18th.

IX. STAFF COMMENTS

- A. March Meeting: Election of chair and vice chair, outgoing member recognition and incoming member orientation. Chair Sierks asked Members to email Ross if they are interested in being EEC Chair or Vice Chair this year.
- B. Miscellaneous Updates. Mr. Bintner invited Members to the Boards and Commissions Dinner on March 11th from 5-7pm at Braemar Club house. Mr. Bintner will do a brief orientation to the new EEC member before the March meeting.
 - i. April 22nd DQ Green Expo. Dairy Queen will be hosting a Green Expo for their employees on April 22nd at 10:30a.m. Mr. Bintner was thinking about presenting on B3 or other sustainability issues.
 - ii. Turf Management Plan. Mr. Bintner said the Council will be approving the plan at the March 5th meeting.
 - iii. Coal tar enforcement. Mr. Bintner said the investigation is completed and fines have been issued between \$600-\$1000.
 - iv. City environmental goal summary. Mr. Bintner is going to present a summary of all the City's environmental goals at the March meeting.

Member Latham arrived at 8:07p.m.

Member Latham presented an Advisory to Council to restore the Urban Forest Task Force to the EEC work plan. Member Latham would like to finish the report before her term ends.

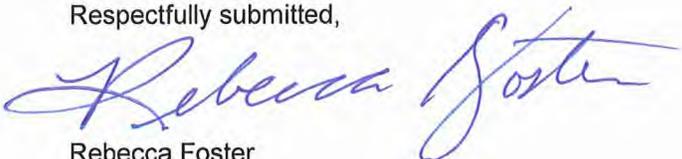
Motion made by Member Kostuch and seconded by Member Heer to approve several more meetings to finish report documentation and send it to Council for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Brandt excused himself from the meeting at 8:20p.m.

There being no further business on the Commission Agenda, Chair Sierks declared the meeting adjourned at 9:22p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Foster
GIS Administrator