

MINUTES
CITY OF EDINA MINNESOTA
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
EDINA CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
Thursday April 11, 2013
7:01 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER 7:01p.m.**
- II. ROLL CALL** Answering Roll Call was Brandt, Gubrud, Heer, Howard, Kostuch, Latham, Sokol, Thompson, Zarrin and Chair Sierks
- Late Arrival: Risser, Rudnicki
- Staff Present: Ross Bintner, Rebecca Foster and Solvei Wilmot
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

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

IV. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes. Add Allied Waste gave a presentation "at the EBR meeting" under VI.I.i.

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

Member Risser arrived at 7:05p.m.

- B. Attendance report and roster. No Comment.
- C. Workgroup list and minutes. Remove Bill Glahn from the Energy Working Group.

V. COMMUNITY COMMENT. No Comment.

VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Solid Waste Licensing Ordinance Report. Member Latham reviewed Ms. Wilmot's memo of Concerns Regarding Recycling and Solid Waste Work Group proposed changes to Edina City Code Chapter 1300 Collection and Disposal of Refuse and Recyclables. Member Latham wants the market transparency added to the code, Ms. Wilmot recommended for it to be removed, because the purpose of the code is to comply with state regulations, sanitation and protect the infrastructure of Edina. EEC members discussed removing the April 1st yard waste collection service starting, due to possible snow cover still occurring. Until the Emerald Ash Borer quarantine is expanded, haulers can't collect Source Separated Compostable Material, Member Latham will make the change. Yard waste can't be processed together with Source Separated Compostable Material until 2014 when the new regulations are expected to be completed, Member Latham will make the change. Staff recommended that EEC should hold a

workshop for the haulers and the compost facilities to obtain input regarding the proposed code changes.

Member Latham reviewed the proposed Chapter 1300 ordinance applying to residential only. Member Latham is going to remove Subdivision 3 Yard Waste Services Charges and change the start date, EEC would like to have co-mingling of yard waste and SSCM, and member Latham would like to see transparency on Base Rates.

Member Rudnicki arrived at 7:23p.m.

Discussion occurred between the EEC Members and haulers present at the meeting to understand the many possibilities on collection of compostable materials.

Motion made by Member Zarrin and seconded by Member Heer to leave Section 1300.05 as an update to Council to approve collecting organics, but there's no action at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

EEC Members discussed keeping Section 1300.10 Subdivisions 1, 2, 4 and drop Subdivision 3. Member Latham will remove the word "quoted" under Section 1300.10 Subd. 2. Finally, the EEC Members didn't come to a unanimous decision.

Motion made by Member Heer and seconded by Member Kostuch to approve the work product of the Task Force Report and present it at the City Council Workshop. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Urban Forests Task Force Report. Member Latham reviewed the six objectives within the draft Urban Forest Task Force Report.

1. Proposed policy for Emerald Ash Borer developed by the City Forester. The City will not be using chemicals to treat the trees and does not recommend to start taking them out for prevention either.

Motion made by Member Kostuch and seconded by Member Heer to approve Emerald Ash Borer report. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Increase Tree Planting on public and private property. Member Latham described a proposal by the City Forester to plant more public trees. . The Education and Outreach Working Group should host educational programs to help residents understand why they should plant more trees.
3. Update City of Edina Tree Ordinances 1200, 850.10, and 1055 with respect to trees. The proposed ordinance will need to be reviewed by other Boards and Commissions too, but not until next year, since it's not on their current work plan.

4. Propose a Tree Preservation Ordinance for Redevelopment Projects.

Motion made by Member Kostuch and seconded by Member Thompson to approve returning the Tree Preservation Ordinance to the Planning Commission for private tree planting per their request. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Living Streets tree planting initiatives can only be completed by using contractors or additional resources.
6. Reviewed recommendations for Applicable Green Step Cities Best Practices.

Motion made by Member Kostuch and seconded by Member Heer to approve the report as is for the Council Workshop per amendments discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

Add education on herbicide use for next year's work plan.

Member Rudnicki requested a possible Advisory on YMCA Community Garden parking lot.

- C. Air and Water Quality WG. Member Risser suggested EEC creates a flyer on grass clippings, etc. to have at an information table at the Fishing Derby on July 25th and for the Edina Art Fair.
- D. Education Outreach WG. Member Thompson gave an updates on the advertising that occurred for the April 18th What's Up with the Weather? This will be a zero waste event. Volunteers are needed for the event. The total cost of the event at the moment is \$1120. The City will pay for advertising and printing costs. The refreshments, and Home Energy giveaways must come out of the Community Foundation.

Member Thompson announced a greening your congregation at Colonial Church event. Member Gubrud said Council approved the Earth Day Proclamation.

Member Sokol excused herself from the meeting at 9:00p.m.

- E. Energy WG.
 - i. Home energy squad task force.

Motion made by Member Latham and seconded by Member Zarrin to approve the first 35 people receives a \$50 discount for the Home Energy Squad Enhanced program at the April 18th What's Up with the Weather? using the remaining money in the Community Foundation Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

- F. Recycling & Solid Waste WG. Update discussed under Item VI A.

- i. Business recycling task force. Member Zarrin gave an update on her meeting with Scott Neal. Hennepin County will have the final draft of the business recycling handout available for review at the May EEC meeting. Member Zarrin would like to add Commercial Recycling to the EEC's authority stated in the City ordinance and commission bylaws. Member Zarrin would like to discuss Business recycling at the June City Council Workshop.

G. Student Initiatives. No Comments.

Member Brandt excused himself from the meeting at 9:20p.m.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS

- A. Home Energy Squad Enhanced – CEE follow up. Information only.
- B. City Council request for 'franchise agreement change' HF1450/SF1490 EEC review. Michele Swanson, Xcel Energy, and John Heer, CPE, presented the franchise agreement change that is being driven by a Minneapolis group. It's an amendment to the franchise law to demand more renewable energy through the franchise process. The EEC referred the issue to the Energy Working Group

Motion made by Member Zarrin and seconded by Member Latham to approve Energy Working Group to review. Motion carried. Member Heer abstained.

- C. FHA PACE decision. Mr. Bintner said there's no transferability of a PACE lien, so can't sell house with a PACE if the loan is FHA backed.
- D. EIA home energy use trend. Information only from Member Heer.
- E. Golf dome energy efficiency recommendation. Mr. Bintner said the Council chose the option to insulate the dome.
- F. France Avenue urban design ETC special meeting. Mr. Bintner said Member Risser and Member Brandt volunteered to attend the meeting.
- G. Alliance for Sustainability – living streets forum invite. Mr. Bintner asked for volunteers to attend the May 14th 6:30-8:30pm League of MN Cities meeting in St. Paul to discuss Living Streets, Green Streets and Complete Streets.
- H. Turf management report action. Council Agenda.
- I. Private trees, legal reference. Update discussed under Item VI B.

VIII. CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS.

Motion made by Member Latham and seconded by Member Risser to do an Advisory to Council that they not do a parking lot extension at the YMCA unless it is permeable pavers and they limit it to the 15 parking spaces that were recommended by the Yorktown Park Community Task Force. Motion carried. Motion carried unanimously.

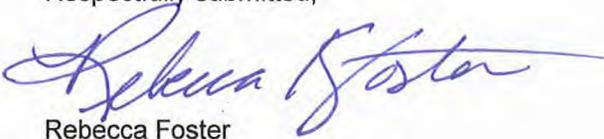
IX. STAFF COMMENTS

A. Draft EEC meeting schedule. Mr. Bintner said the May EEC Meeting will focus on Energy.

There being no further business on the Commission Agenda, Chair Sierks declared the meeting adjourned at 9:34p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Foster
GIS Administrator