

**MINUTES
CITY OF EDINA MINNESOTA
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
EDINA CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
Thursday May 9, 2013
7:02 PM**

I. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:02p.m.

II. **ROLL CALL** Answering Roll Call was Gubrud, Heer, Howard, Latham, Rudnicki, Sokol, Thompson, Zarrin and Chair Sierks

Absent: Brandt, Risser

Late Arrival: Kostuch

Staff Present: Ross Bintner and Rebecca Foster

III. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

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

IV. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes.

Add "Staff recommended that" EEC should hold a workshop on pg. 2 in first sentence.

Edit motion on pg. 2 "to approve the work product of the Task Force".

Edit VI.B.5 to "Living Streets tree planting initiatives can only be completed by using contractors or additional resources. "

Edit motion on pg. 3 add "at the April 18th What's Up with the Weather? "

Add "Member Zarrin would like to discuss Business recycling at the June City Council Workshop." to VI.F.i.

Motion made by Member Latham and seconded by Member Zarrin to approve the amended Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Attendance report and roster. No Comment.

C. Workgroup list and minutes. No Comment.

Member Kostuch arrived at 7:10p.m.

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

- V. **COMMUNITY COMMENT.** Valley View Middle School students observing public meetings. Robert Aderhold, 3529 W. 54th St, would like residential added to Edina Emerald Energy Program although he showed less interest in participating in the EEP after he understood that the City would add to his interest rate. Mark Hancock, Center for Energy and Environment, is helping Mr. Bintner with Comprehensive City Building Energy Efficiency project. Michele Swanson, Xcel Energy, is interested in the 'franchise agreement change' HF1450/SF1490 review.

VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Comprehensive City Building Energy Efficiency Project. Mr. Bintner shared a proposal to build off of the success of EEEP and broaden the program to include all local energy services in three categories: commercial, residential and public buildings. Bintner introduced Center for Energy and Environment saying the proposal envisions a strategic partner with statewide project based experience in residential, commercial and institutional building energy. Mr. Bintner said the effort supports Comp Plan Ch. 10 policy and goals including carbon reduction of 15% by 2015, 25% by 2025, and 80% by 2050 greenhouse gas reduction.

Public Buildings: The City has staff in HVAC, Electrical and a Facilities Manager, but needs technical expertise in house to interface with them that is trusted and can review the mechanical system for energy efficiency. Mr. Bintner said the B3 data tells us which buildings need energy efficiency help. Center for Energy and Environment will audit all the public buildings and with a goal to reduce carbon by 10-15% in 3yrs by replacing the low retro fits. Chair Sierks said that the State Guarantee Energy Savings Program reviews deep energy retrofits which achieve bigger energy savings than do all low retrofits first. Chair Sierks would like to have McKinstry report on their 1st year savings to the EEC. McKinstry did building envelope and lighting improvements not mechanical.

Commercial: Mr. Bintner described the commercial portion of the proposal, saying it provided a reduced cost energy audit to building owners and then promote their project success. Member Kostuch suggested that the City should lead by example and audit their own buildings first and promote our success.

Residential: Mr. Bintner described the residential portion of the proposal as CEE Home Energy Squad Enhanced visit to Edina residents at the cost of \$20 per visit, limited 200 per year.

- B. Energy Efficiency Community Outreach and Education. Chair Sierks suggested the City open PACE to residents that don't have a mortgage or receive consent of mortgage holder. Member Latham thinks there is not enough staff time to manage residential PACE, because residents will call with questions, but don't follow through with loan. Then, the 2% from PACE for staff time will never be achieved. Members also have concerns that the residents may need to remove the special assessment at time of sale if they sell before the special assessment is repaid and if the buyer requires payoff. Chair Sierks noted that this could be disclosed to residents before they agreed to a PACE assessment. Members think it would be cheaper to get other loans. Although Chair Sierks noted that none mortgage residential loans have a much shorter term than the 20 years allowed under the PACE statute.

Motion made by Member Latham and seconded by Member Kostuch to drop residential PACE at this time and await review of any new developments in the program.

Nay: Gubrud, SIERKS

- C. Promote Edina Emerald Energy Program. Discussed above.
- D. Air and Water Quality WG. No Comments.
- E. Education Outreach WG. Chair Sierks thanked everyone involved with the planning of the April 18th event. Member Thompson said there were 115 attendees despite the snow storm. The working group was hoping for 300 attendees. 69 people filled out postcards for the Home Energy Squad drawing and 29 people signed up for the Home Energy Squad Enhanced program. Member Gubrud would like to do an article in City publications on the Home Energy Squad. Member Thompson would like to start a Film Series. The EEC would also like questions on the City wide quality life survey of what environment initiatives the residents would like to see accomplished.
- F. Energy WG. Member Heer gave an update on the 'franchise agreement change' HF1450/SF1490 review done by the working group.

Motion made by Member Latham and seconded by Member Gubrud to recommend an attorney that has expertise in utility licensing and franchise agreements to review the HF1450/SF1490 and give a recommendation to Council on how to proceed. Motion carried unanimously.

Abstain: Heer

Motion made by Member Latham and seconded by Member Gubrud to recommend that if expertise is sought on the above legislation that EEC would like to hear the report. Motion carried.

Nay: Kostuch

Abstain: Heer

- i. Home energy squad task force. No Comments.
- G. Recycling & Solid Waste WG. Member Latham gave an update saying the city has been receiving complaints on how recycling carts were being stored improperly during the winter. Member Latham is fine with carts being stored in front of the house during the winter to promote recycling during winter otherwise residents may refrain from winter recycling because of the difficulty in getting carts through the snow to the back of the house if they do not have the space for it in the garage.

Member Rudnicki excused himself from the meeting at 9:15p.m.

- i. Business recycling task force. Member Zarrin gave an update on how business recycling meetings are being moved to City Hall from the Chamber of Commerce. Hennepin County printed posters, container stickers and labels to promote business recycling. The Galleria said their hauler isn't accepting recycling due to contamination. Bill Neuendorf will contact 10 businesses and offer them a free waste assessment. New businesses per state law must include space for trash and recycling. Member Zarrin would like the EEC Duties Ordinance 1502.02C to include Commercial Recycling. The EEC approved a motion that before EEC considered this ordinance change, the Business recycling task force should report to EEC on the results of the Business Recycling Pilot project including any recommendations to create a long term recycling program. The EEC would then consider the specific task force recommendations and take further action as appropriate.

H. Student Initiatives.

Motion made by Member Latham and seconded by Member Heer to request Member Sokol to continue as the EEC student member for 2013-14 term. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS

- A. CPD Cities. This topic was tabled.
- B. Green Step Cities 2013 Assessment. This topic was tabled.

VIII. CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS. No Comments.

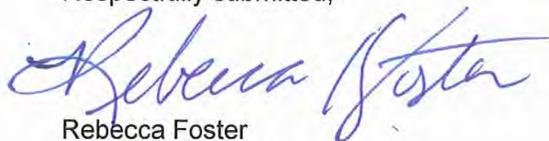
IX. STAFF COMMENTS

- A. EEC Advisory – Community Garden. Mr. Bintner said the EEC Community Garden Advisory was pulled from the Council agenda.
- B. June 13 meeting, ETC Living Streets presentation. Karen Kurt is presenting the ETC Living Streets policy at the June meeting.
- C. Draft EEC meeting schedule. Information only.

There being no further business on the Commission Agenda, Chair Sierks declared the meeting adjourned at 9:36p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Foster
GIS Administrator