

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

- I. CALL TO ORDER** 7:03p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL** Answering Roll Call was Bale, Gubrud, Heer, Howard, Kostuch, Latham, Rudnicki, Sokol, Thompson, Zarrin and Chair Sierks.
Absent: Risser
Staff Present: Ross Bintner, Rebecca Foster, Tim Barnes and Ann Kattreh
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA** Member Latham added VI.G. Local Foods Task Force Report and VI.H. Tree Planting Update at Lewis Park to the Agenda.

Motion made by Member Heer and seconded by Member Gubrud to approve the Agenda with the additions by Member Latham. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes
B. Attendance report and roster
C. Workgroup list and minutes. Member Latham added Local Food Task Force to the Working Group list. Arlene Forrest and Louise Segreto will serve on the task force with her. Member Latham has invitations out to people who have Bee Keeping and Chicken Keeping experience to serve on the committee too. Member Thompson added Mindy Ahler to the Education and Outreach Working Group.

Motion made by Member Latham and seconded by Member Thompson to approve the Consent Agenda with the Working Group changes. Motion carried unanimously.

V. COMMUNITY COMMENT. Andy Harmon, Paul Roslin and Bill Glahn were present.

VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Update on Braemar outdoor ice and sports arena expansion project. Ann Kattreh, Director of Park and Recreation, gave a presentation on the Sports Dome, Outdoor Ice Sheet and Pamela Park Improvements. The City Council has approved the project in concept, now work on the design process starts. The Sports Dome will serve over 4500 youth participants currently purchasing time at neighboring communities. The Outdoor Ice Sheet is going to be a community rink and the Edina Hockey Association will rent ice time too. Member Latham asked if there could be solar panels added to the roof of the Outdoor Ice Sheet. Member Heer suggested that the Designer apply for energy efficiency grants from Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy. Pamela Park Improvements will include removing of concrete under the existing fields and adding sand and peat base, and an artificial turf field, parking lot renovation, and a nature trail are also planned.

- B. Building Energy Efficiency
- i. State B3 Benchmarking Update. Mr. Bintner presented the 3yrs of data on City Facilities using the Building Energy Use Benchmark System. He discussed what the current building energy use is, opportunities exist for energy savings, how previous energy efficiency improvements performed and if the city is meeting their environmental goals. The goal is to reduce carbon emission by 15% by 2015, 25% by 2025, and 80% by 2050.
 - ii. Capital improvements, building needs, management framework. Tim Barnes, Facilities Manager, introduced himself. Mr. Barnes reviewed environmental accomplishments each division at public works has done over the past year. Mr. Barnes is a resource to all of the facilities managers. His goal is to review new structural plans for energy efficiency.
 - iii. Guaranteed Energy Savings Program. Chair Sierks said that there are prequalified contractors to review buildings to identify energy improvement projects and said the city can use the B3 data to make your decision. He said you need about a minimum of 1 million dollars of energy work total to do a project. The State Guarantee Energy Savings Program allows you to finance renewable energy by bundling with broader and deeper efficiency retrofits. The program can finance the costs of the project through energy savings pay back with guaranteed results.
- C. Workplan Item 4 – Sustainability in City Operations. Members Heer, Kostuch and Rudnicki will be on a subcommittee to review Comp Plan Chapter 10. The first step is to create a Team Charter to identify the initial scope of their work to help City staff, Engineers, Architects, etc. on reviewing Capital Improvement Projects for energy efficiency.
- D. Education and Outreach Working Group. Member Thompson said the working group is looking at doing a Community Engagement event on April 24th at the high school. EEC Members suggested Energy Usage as a topic and to use social media to promote the event and bring in younger students. Member Howard gave an update on a movie event that will be held in the Council Chambers on January 10th.
- E. Business Recycling Task Force. Member Zarrin said the project has been really successful. The next step is giving a business a window sticker or something in a restaurant menu to promote that they are recycling.
- F. Student Initiatives. Member Sokol gave an update on Project Earth's install of a Solar Charging Station for phones, laptops, etc. due to classroom lessons online.
- G. Local Food Task Force. Member Latham gave an update on the Bee Ordinance written by Louise Segreto. The proposed ordinance will be brought to the December EEC meeting for review. Then, it'll be brought to the Park Board Council Work Session in January. The Community Garden is a possible location for a Bee Trial and Education opportunity for people to stop using pesticides
- H. Lewis Park Trees. Member Latham reported that the approximately \$1,050 raised by the EEC sponsored ECO Tour was used to plant four trees at Lewis Park in Oct. 2013. 16 trees were previously planted at Braemar. The Braemar trees were surplus from the City of Edina's Horticulturist's supply (Tim Zimmerman) or were grown in member Latham's yard. A report will be in the December EEC packet.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS. No Comment.

VIII. CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS. No Comment.

IX. STAFF COMMENTS

- A. City projects update
- i. Fred Richards Golf Course. Mr. Bintner said the city is considering repurposing the facility with the existing leagues moved to Braemar. The City is looking for Natural Resources stakeholders to include in the stakeholder engagement process.

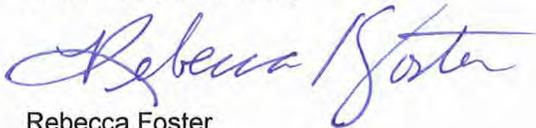
- ii. Neighborhood Reconstruction Program. Mr. Bintner gave an update on the 2014 Street Reconstruction projects. The Feasibility Reports will go to Council on November 19th with the Public Hearings occurring on December 10th.
- iii. State Aid Street Reconstruction. Mr. Bintner gave an update on the W. 54th St project.
- iv. Utilities Projects. Mr. Bintner gave an update on the Water System Demand and Capacity Analysis. A new water treatment plant is planned to be built by Southdale.

The City will be having a Quasiquicentennial Event on December 12th starting at 5pm with an Open House at Cahill School and Grange Hall. At 6pm a Social hour at City Hall followed with a celebration program in the Council Chambers.

There being no further business on the Commission Agenda, Chair Sierks declared the meeting adjourned at 9:44p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Foster
GIS Administrator

