

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF EDINA MINNESOTA**  
**ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION**  
**EDINA CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM**  
**Thursday December 12, 2013**  
**7:04 PM**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:04p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** Answering Roll Call was Gubrud, Heer, Howard, Kostuch, Latham, Rudnicki, Sokol, Thompson, and Chair Sierks.
  - Absent: Bale and Risser
  - Late Arrival: Zarrin
  - Staff Present: Ross Bintner and Rebecca Foster

**III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

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

**IV. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes
- B. Attendance report and roster
- C. Workgroup list and minutes. Member Latham added David Chin, Flora Delaney, Joe Jeffrey Bodeau, Virginia Kearney, and Jamie Bodeau to the Local Food Task Force.

**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.** Reilly Anderson, Project Earth, gave an update on their Pilot Solar Power Project. Solar panels will run current to the media center to a charging station for student's phones, laptops, etc.

**VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- A. Grandview Advisory Update (Jimmy Bennett) Mr. Bennett gave an update, on the first property to be redeveloped in the Grandview Area, which is the old Public Works site. The Council would like to see that property become a Grandview Commons Community Area, since it's centrally located within the proposed redevelopment area. Mr. Bennett is requesting guidance from the EEC on how to include sustainability in a Request for Interest for developers and scoring ideas. Chair Sierks suggested that the EEC Members email Mr. Bennett with ideas. The RFI will be released in March.

**Chair Sierks excused himself from the meeting at 7:37p.m.**

- B. Home Energy Squad Update (Stacy Boots Camp) Ms. Boots Camp, Center for Energy & Environment, gave an update on how the project is going and wanted to know what promotions the city wants to do

in 2014. The EEC approved 30 Home Energy Squad visits and 75 residents participated in the \$70 subsidy. There was a \$2900 debt that CEE will cover.

**Member Zarrin arrived at 7:45p.m.**

Member Latham suggested promoting the Home Energy Squad at the full \$100 visit. Member Zarrin suggested the next About Town article should include success stories from the residents that participated in the program.

**Chair Sierks arrived at 7:59p.m.**

**Motion made by Member Latham and seconded by Member Zarrin to approve 10 Home Energy Squad subsidized visits determined by CEE and the balance is given away at the April Forum. Motion carried unanimously.**

- C. January meeting preparation. The January meeting will be the annual televised EEC monthly meeting. The following updates will be presented at the meeting. All PowerPoints are due on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at Noon.
- i. City of Edina Purchasing Policy (Scott Neal – 20min)
  - ii. Municipal Waste and Recycling (Dianne 5min)
  - iii. Business Recycling Task Force (Sarah Z 5min)
  - iv. Education and Outreach Working Group (Paul, Bob, John Howard 10min)
  - v. Energy
    1. B3 (Ross 10min)
    2. Home Energy Squad (Ross 5min)
    3. Renewable Energy (John Heer 10min)
  - vi. Student Initiatives
    1. General (Sarah B)
    2. Project Earth Solar Charging (Elana 5min)
  - vii. Urban Forests Task Force (Dianne 5min)
  - viii. Sustainability Task Force (Keith 5min)
  - ix. Local Food Working Group (Dianne 5 min)

Chair Sierks is requesting a paragraph on working group and task force 2013 accomplishments and proposed plan for 2014 by the February meeting to forward onto Council for review.

- D. Business Recycling Task Force. Member Zarrin said Hennepin County has awarded some grants. The Communications Dept. is creating promotional material on Business Recycling.
- E. Education and Outreach Working Group. Member Thompson said the April Forum will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the South View Middle School. The theme will be, What will turn you on in 2030? by Maggie Koerth-Baker, the idea is to discuss all of the energy generated by our electronic devices and how it effects the grid. Another idea is Theater Public Policy. Member Thompson said the movie "Chasing Ice" will be held in the Council Chambers on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.
- F. Local Food Working Group. Member Latham said there are three Bee Keepers, one Chicken Keeper and three Commissioners on the working group. She said the Chicken Ordinance was easy to write. She said the group is having problems finding a Bee Ordinance template to use. The group is learning that Neonicotinoid have been making bees sick. Member Latham is suggesting doing education on pesticides and what to plant to attract bees instead.

**Member Latham excused herself from the meeting at 8:47p.m.**

- G. Student Initiatives. Member Sokol said she helped write the grant for the Pilot Solar Power Project. Member Thompson said the Project Earth students will help plan the April event too.
- H. Sustainability Task Force. Member Kostuch, Member Heer and Mr. Bintner met on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> and discussed creating a one page form on sustainability for the Capital Improvement Projects.

**Member Latham arrived at 8:52p.m. with cake from the Quasquicentennial Event.**

The one page might include questions on what's your project, what are the environmental savings, what's the operating savings, and is this new or a replacement project.

#### **VII. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS**

- A. EEC Forum Recommendations Email. Mr. Bintner reminded Commissioners that they can't email everyone due to the Open Meeting Law.

#### **VIII. CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS. No Comments.**

#### **IX. STAFF COMMENTS**

- A. City projects update (Ross Bintner)
  - i. Sanitary I/I report. Mr. Bintner gave an update on the City's Sanitary Sewer Inflow and Infiltration. There are two trunk pipes that will be fixed along Minnehaha Creek.
  - ii. Promenade stormwater credit discussion. Mr. Bintner reviewed the Promenade Phase 4 project and the storm water benefit it will be creating. He compared the policy difference of having pumped infiltration across the Centennial Lakes area instead of each site as it redevelops to build its own storm water standards.

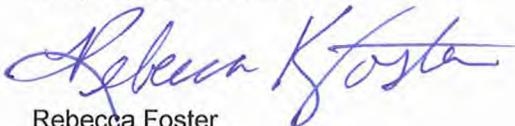
**Member Latham and Member Zarrin excused themselves from the meeting at 9:27p.m.**

If the City starts building regional systems how can we sell or distribute credits.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Foster  
GIS Administrator