

**MINUTES
CITY OF EDINA MINNESOTA
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
EDINA CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
Thursday February 13, 2014
7:08 PM**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:08p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL.** Answering Roll Call was Gubrud, Heer, Howard, Kostuch, Rudnicki, Sokol, Thompson, Zarrin and Chair Sierks.

Absent: Bale, Latham

Late Arrival: Risser

Staff Present: Ross Bintner and Rebecca Foster

III. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

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

IV. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes. Mr. Kostuch changed the Sustainability summary to "the goal is to put in place an environmental considerations form to attach to the capital budget projects process to make the city consider environmental impacts on new projects."
- B. Attendance report and roster. No Comment.
- C. Workgroup list and minutes. Member Heer gave an update on the EEC Bylaws saying that the Commission can have Working Groups or Subcommittees, but not a Task Force. A Working Group needs to have a public notice for members to join and a Subcommittee can be only Commissioners. The following Task Force or Working Groups will be removed Air Quality WG, Solar & Wind Ordinance TF and Bylaws WG. The Sustainability TF will be renamed to City Environmental Considerations Subcommittee. The EEC will review and rename the remaining Working Groups at the March meeting.

Motion made by Member Kostuch and seconded by Member Thompson to approve the amended Minutes and Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

- V. **COMMUNITY COMMENT.** No Comment.

VI. **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- A. Master Water Stewards. Sean Gosiewski from Alliance Force Sustainability gave us an update on Master Water Stewards being trained. The Master Water Stewards have to do 50hrs of volunteer time and he's asking what water quality items the volunteers could do this year. The Master Water Stewards could talk to Neighborhood groups on protecting shoreline, help with street sweeping or promote rain gardens within street recon areas. The Living Streets document will help promote water quality too. A Master Water Steward could join the Water Quality or Education and Outreach Working Groups.
- B. Business Recycling Task Force. Member Zarrin said Solvei Wilmot will send an email promoting the Hennepin County Grant to businesses. Hennepin County is creating a sticker for business's who recycle to place on their window.

Member Zarrin and Chair Sierks would like the City to stop selling bottle water and install hydration stations to their facilities. Chair Sierks will write an Advisory Communication to Council and review it at the March meeting.

Member Risser arrived at 8:01p.m.

- C. Education Outreach Working Group. Member Thompson said the April 29th Event "What will Turn You on in 2013" needs to be rescheduled to May 1st or 28th due to April Volunteer Recognition Event. The "Chasing Ice" movie had 54 attendees. The movie "More Than Honey" will be held on March 21st in the Council Chambers. The movie for May will be "Bag It". Lucia's Restaurant along with the UMN Bee Lab is giving away sunflower seeds to plant to attract bees. Member Gubrud proposed an Earth Hour Proclamation.
- D. Energy Working Group. No Comment.
- E. Home Energy Squad Task Force. In 2013, there were 89 Home Energy Squad visits. In 2014, there will be 42 subsidized visits and 10 free visits. The Home Energy Squad will plan on attending the July 4th parade.
- F. Local Food Working Group. No Comment.
- G. Recycling and Solid Waste Working Group. No Comment.
- H. Student Initiatives. Member Sokol said Project Earth hasn't heard anything about the grant on the Pilot Solar Power Project.
- I. Sustainability Task Force. Member Kostuch said the goal is to put in place an environmental considerations form to attach to the capital budget projects process to make the city consider environmental impacts on new projects. The group will meet with the Finance Dept. to find out where is the best place within the City to implement the form.
- J. Urban Forests Task Force. No Comment.
- K. Water Quality Working Group. Member Risser said the group needs to focus on what it can do.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS. No Comment.

VIII. CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS. Chair Sierks would like to write an EEC Priorities Report to Council and review it in a Work Session. Chair Sierks has been interviewing new commissioners. At the March EEC meeting the annual Chair and Vice Chair Elections will be held. Summer Intern volunteer available, but will need coordination.

IX. STAFF COMMENTS

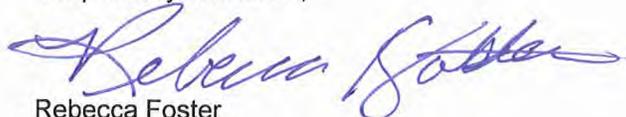
- A. City projects update. Mr. Bintner will not be able to attend the March meeting. There's an opportunity to Share a Blog amongst the Commissions. The 50th & France parking ramps will be replacing lights with LED and the payback will be over 5yrs. Fairview Southdale would like to do a waste sort in spring. Pentagon Park area will be proposing a TIF funding project of offices and hotel. The Speakup Edina topic in March will be "Organized Hauling" and in June it'll be "Incentives for Conservation". Great Plains Institute has Energy Grants to increase efficiency.

Chair Sierks thanked Member Risser for her service on the EEC. Member Thompson proposed Andy Harmon as the EEC volunteer to be recognized.

There being no further business on the Commission Agenda, Chair Sierks declared the meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Foster
GIS Administrator