

MINUTES
CITY OF EDINA MINNESOTA
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
EDINA CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
Thursday May 8, 2014
7:04 PM

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

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

IV. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes. Member Latham on VI. E. fourth sentence from bottom add "Based on the doctrine of sovereign immunity Commissioner Latham believes that, the City would not be liable, absent negligence on the City's part, " Member Latham removed "the" in VI. F. first sentence.

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

- B. Attendance report and roster. No Comment.
- C. Workgroup list and minutes. Chair Heer and Member Sokol suggested changing the Student Subcommittee to a Working Group to invite students attending secondary schools in Edina in environmental and energy clubs. By doing this the monthly reports will be more informative and help promote EEC event better.

Motion made by Chair Heer and seconded by Member Thompson to form the Student Working Group. Motion carried unanimously.

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

V. COMMUNITY COMMENT. No Comment.

VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Minneapolis Sustainability Efforts. Gayle Prest, Sustainability Director for Minneapolis, gave an update on what they do. Minneapolis uses the St Paul Port Authority to approve Solar Panel projects. She

reviewed the City's Climate Action Plan on how to reduce the City's citywide greenhouse gas emissions. They are tracking their greenhouse gas reduction through National Protocol for City's with ICLE. Gayle is proposing on how we can work better with Hennepin County due to lots of grants available.

Member Sierks arrived at 7:34p.m.

- B. Burnsville Sustainability Efforts. Sue Bast, Environmental Specialist, for Burnsville. The City adopted Green Steps in 2009. A consultant was hired to educate the Burnsville Council members and City staff and devised a plan for the city that included educating staff, selecting a sustainability coordinator (part time role for existing employee) and a sustainability council with members from all City departments. The City has a sustainability checklist in the Planning Dept. Their Council has all staff working on goals. Burnsville said they are on track to meet 15% CO2 reduction in City Operations by 2015.
- C. Preparation and prioritization for June 3 CC/EEC Meeting. Chair Heer reviewed the draft Agenda for the City Council Work Session on June 3rd. The topics will be proposed ordinance changes to permit Bee and chicken-keeping, discuss EEC role in City's efforts to realize Comprehensive Plan Chapter 10 environmental commitments in the City's operation and an update on the Business Recycling.
- D. PACE Advisory. Member Sierks explained that St. Paul Port Authority will administer the PACE program instead of the EEC liaison. The City would need to enter a joint powers agreement with them. The only action required of the City would be to place a lien on the property, collect the money every six months and remit to SPPA. This will only be for Commercial property owners.

**Motion made by Member Sierks and seconded by Member Gubrud to send the PACE Advisory to Council.
Motion carried unanimously.**

- E. Local Food Working Group. Member Latham gave an update on the edits from the Police Dept. for the proposed ordinance changes to permit Bee and chicken-keeping. The Police Dept. need an annual renewal for safety in case an owner wants to discontinue the hive. Speak Up Edina had 32 residents participated in the bee and chicken keeping discussion with 100% support. The Police Dept. would like a \$20 fee for bee keeping for mailings. The Police Dept. said there should be a better appeal process.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS

- A. Open Meeting Law Violation. Mr. Bintner reminded Commissioners that they can't email a majority due to the Open Meeting Law standards.

Members Rudnicki excused himself from the meeting at 8:45p.m.

VIII. CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. Building Energy Efficiency Subcommittee. Member Sierks said the group learned how the City plans and designs energy projects. Each City building has different owners and budgets. Mr. Barnes has no authority or budget he can only make suggestions. There is a State program to help review the facilities on energy use.
- B. Business Recycling Working Group. Member Zarrin said there are five restaurants at 50th & France doing organic recycling. There is a passcode on the dumpster so that garbage won't be mixed with it. The Galleria and Southdale Shopping Center are the next goals to achieve.
- C. City Environmental Considerations Subcommittee. Members Kostuch and Heer meet with Eric Roggeman, Asst. Finance Director, and said Eric talked to City staff about adding the new sustainability form to the CIP by the end of May. Member Kostuch said City vehicles are not in CIP process as vehicles are replaced as needed by City departments via their individual budgets.

- D. Community Solar Subcommittee. Member Sierks said the next meeting will be a scoping meeting. The topics will be looking for potential sites for a solar project, for community solar do you want to contract the program and maintenance of the panels, discuss bidding requirements and does the City want more than one site.
- E. Education Outreach Working Group. Member Thompson thanked all the volunteers that helped with the April 28th event. There were 110 attendees. The movie "Bag It" will be held on May 16th. The July 4th parade theme is "Deeper Shade of Green".
- F. Home Energy Squad Subcommittee. Member Gubrud said there are nine discounted visits left.
- G. Recycling and Solid Waste Working Group. No update.
- H. Student Subcommittee. Member Sokol said Project Earth raised \$700 of the \$6200 needed for the solar charging station. There was a charging station installed at the Media Center, but it's not solar, so maybe the cost will be lower through a conversion.
- I. Water Quality Working Group. Member Waddick said the group is trying to figure out what they are doing. She hopes to focus on Storm Drains and runoff. She visited the City of Minneapolis to review their Storm stenciling kits. Nine Mile Creek Watershed will let the group know what areas of the city are left to stencil or be refreshed.
- J. Water Bottle Advisory. Member Zarrin gave an update on the profit of the City's water bottle sales. The EEC is encouraging the City to reduce its water bottle sales and install hydrations stations. The high school has five hydration stations.

Motion made by Member Latham and seconded by Member Waddick to accept two changes and forward the advisory to Council.

Roll Call was taken:

Ayes: Gubrud, Latham, Sierks, Thompson, Waddick, Zarrin and Chair Heer.

Nays: Glahn, Kostuch

Absent: Howard, Rudnicki

Motion Carried.

- K. 2014 EEC Summary and Schedule. Mr. Bintner said he'll plan an August infrastructure tour again.

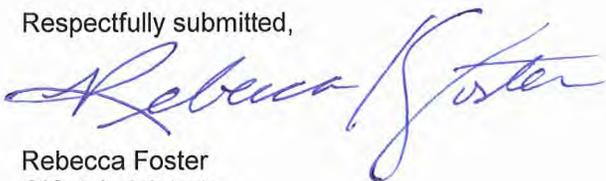
IX. STAFF COMMENTS

- A. Council Communications. Mr. Bintner reviewed the "Communications with the City Council" for Boards and Commissions.
- B. EEC Budget Summary. Mr. Bintner will bring EEC Budget Summary to June meeting.
- C. City Projects. No Comments.

There being no further business on the Commission Agenda, Chair Heer declared the meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Foster
GIS Administrator