

**MINUTES
CITY OF EDINA MINNESOTA
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
EDINA CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
Thursday June 12, 2014
7:03 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER 7:03p.m.

II. ROLL CALL Answering Roll Call was Bale, Glahn, Gubrud, Howard, Kostuch, Latham, Sokol, Thompson, and Chair Heer.

Late Arrival: Rudnicki, Sierks, Waddick, Zarrin

Staff Present: Ross Bintner and Rebecca Foster

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

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

Member Zarrin arrived at 7:04p.m.

IV. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes
- B. Attendance report and roster
- C. Workgroup list and minutes

Member Waddick arrived at 7:07p.m.

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

V. COMMUNITY COMMENT. No Comment.

VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Building Energy Efficiency Subcommittee (Bill Sierks / Tim Barnes). Member Sierks gave an update saying the subcommittee will meet a company that's familiar with architecture and financing to possibly create a proposal to do deeper energy audits on city facilities.
- B. Local Food Working Group. Member Latham recapped what was discussed at the Council Work Session. The bees will change from a 10' to 20' setback. The appeal period of 30 days will be deleted, but you have to live within 200' of hive. A registration can be revoked due to means of nuisance or a honey bee anaphylaxis note from a doctor. A resident can't sell honey from their home. Member Latham will add the state's pesticide regulations.

Motion made by Member Latham and seconded by Member Gubrud to accept report as amended with addition of pesticides. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS

- A. Community Solar – Email. Mr. Bintner, Commissioners Thompson, Glahn, and Gubrud will research how the city will organize a contract around community solar. Commissioners Thompson and Howard will have conflict of interests due to Cool Planet.
- B. Pepin Plastic Bags – Email. Commissioner Gubrud said that there were 15 attendees at the movie “Bag It”. Member Latham said that plastic bags can be recycled, the reusable bags are becoming unsanitary, and the negativity produced against the people promoting the cause of banning plastic bags. It’s also not apart of the Green Step Program. Member Zarrin suggested education is needed on recycling plastic bags.

Motion made by Member Latham and seconded by Chair Heer to table banning plastic bags until the EEC does their 2015 work plan, and then if a commissioner wishes to put this forward as part of the work plan, it would be voted on and prioritized along with anything else we can possibly do. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Rudnicki arrived at 7:28p.m.

Member Sierks arrived at 7:31p.m.

- C. SHERCO – Email. A letter from the Sierra Club said the Xcel Energy SHERCO coal fire power plant in Becker needs to be shut down, but Xcel wants to keep running them, and the email is looking for cities to support it due to the state clean power plant. The EEC will wait to make a consideration.
- D. Iyer Solar – Email. Information only.
- E. Plunkett Latham Green Step Cities – Email. Member Latham is asking each Commissioner to review their Green Steps and to look for new ones to add to our work plan. Also, the commission needs to keep the report updated especially when the city receives awards. May 1st is the deadline for updates to be entered. Mr. Bintner will add this to the March agenda for review.

VIII. CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. June 3 CC/EEC Meeting Discussion. Chair Heer said the Bee and Chicken ordinance was a good discussion. The Chapter 10 Green House Gas discussion didn’t send a clear direction of outcome for the Commissioners. The Business Recycling was a good discussion. The Commissioners discussed the possibility of meeting twice a year with the Council and give a brief overview and then discuss one specific topic.
- B. Building Energy Efficiency Subcommittee. Discussed earlier.
- C. Business Recycling Working Group. No Comment.
- D. City Environmental Considerations Subcommittee. Member Kostuch gave an update on the change request form for the 2015/19 CIP. The form will help when making capital requests for city employees to think about the environment when they make their purchases. Commissioner Kostuch will follow up with Mr. Roggeman in the late Fall to see how the new environmental section of the CIP was utilized.
- E. Community Solar Subcommittee. Member Thompson said they visited the Public Works roof to possibly install solar panels of 150 kilowatt to 300 kilowatt. The roof is nice, flat and less than 5yrs old. Member Sierks said the city could do nothing, make their roof available for residents to purchase panels or purchase up to 40% for themselves. The next step is to review the legal requirements for the City to enter a 25-30yr lease, what kind of bid needed and what the City’s responsibility will be. The EEC will write an Advisory Communication and will review it in July.

- F. Education Outreach Working Group. Member Gubrud gave an update on the July 4th parade planning. The Working Group will postpone their summer movie due to low attendance. The Forum topic for next year could be the Colony Collapse Disorder from U of M.
- G. Home Energy Squad Subcommittee. Member Gubrud reported that all subsidized enhance home energy installs have been completed.

Members Sierks excused himself from the meeting at 8:57p.m.

- H. Recycling and Solid Waste Working Group. No Report.
- I. Student Subcommittee. No Report.
- J. Water Quality Working Group. Member Waddick said the group is ready to stencil the storm drains and are doing a test on June 23rd. While the group is stenciling, they are going to educate the residents, if they are outside. She also suggested showing a Watershed movie.
- K. 2014 EEC Summary and Schedule. The Bee & Chicken ordinance and Second Community Garden will be added to the summary.

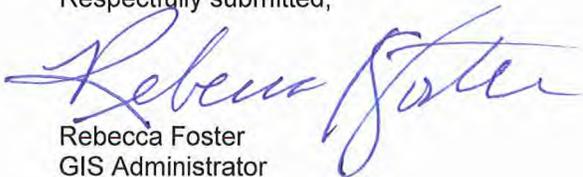
IX. STAFF COMMENTS

- A. June 3 advisory communications. Mr. Bintner said the Council reviewed them, but didn't take any action.
- B. 2014 Great Plains City Energy Competitiveness Group. Mr. Bintner would like to bring in a guest speaker for the EEC and Planning Commission to educate on more energy efficiency.
- C. Sports Dome. Mr. Bintner said they will be buying some energy efficiencies for the Dome.
- D. Speak Up Edina. Scott Neal the City Manager decides on the monthly topics.
- E. EEC Budget Summary. Mr. Bintner gave an update on the Budget. \$10,197 was spent in 2013 over which included staff personal, commodities (ads, print, food) and Contractual Services (Home Energy Squad, Regional Indicators). There's \$945 left of the 2014 budget.
- F. Residential Building Permit Review. Mr. Bintner is fixing the building permit review process and it will include better water quality standards.
- G. Edina To Go. Mr. Bintner announced the new mobile report a problem application.

There being no further business on the Commission Agenda, Chair Heer declared the meeting adjourned at 9:18p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Foster
GIS Administrator

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION																	
NAME	TERM	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Work Session	Work Session	# of Mtgs.	Attendance %
Meetings/Work Sessions		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1		8	
														6/3/2014	(enter date)		
Glahn, William	2/1/2017			1	1	1	1	1						1		6	100%
Gubrud, Bob	2/1/2016		1	1	1	1	1	1						1		7	88%
Heer, John	2/1/2015	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						1		8	100%
Howard, John	2/1/2016		1	1	1		1	1						1		6	75%
Kostuch, Keith	2/1/2016	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								7	88%
Latham, Dianne Plunkett	2/1/2015	1		1	1	1	1							1		6	75%
Rudnicki, Tim	2/1/2015		1		1	1	1	1								5	63%
Sierks, Bill	2/1/2016	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						1		8	100%
Thompson, Paul	2/1/2016	1	1	1	1	1	1							1		7	88%
Waddick, Louise	2/1/2017			1	1	1	1	1								5	83%
Zarrin, Sarah	2/1/2015	1	1	1		1	1	1						1		7	88%
Bale, Sarah	student	1		1	1	1	1							1		6	75%
Sokol, Elana	student	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						1		8	100%

Liaisons: Report attendance monthly and attach this report to the Commission minutes for the packet.

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INSTRUCTIONS:	Counted as Meeting Held (ON MEETINGS' LINE)	Attendance Recorded (ON MEMBER'S LINE)
Regular Meeting w/Quorum	Type "1" under the month on the meetings' line.	Type "1" under the month for each attending member.
Regular Meeting w/o Quorum	Type "1" under the month on the meetings' line.	Type "1" under the month for each attending member.
Joint Work Session	Type "1" under "Work Session" on the meetings' line.	Type "1" under "Work Session" for each attending member.
Rescheduled Meeting*	Type "1" under the month on the meetings' line.	Type "1" under the month for each attending member.
Cancelled Meeting	Type "1" under the month on the meetings' line.	Type "1" under the month for ALL members.
Special Meeting	There is no number typed on the meetings' line.	There is no number typed on the members' lines.

*A rescheduled meeting occurs when members are notified of a new meeting date/time at a prior meeting. If shorter notice is given, the previously-scheduled meeting is considered to have been cancelled and replaced with a special meeting.