

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF EDINA MINNESOTA**  
**ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION**  
**EDINA CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM**  
**Thursday August 14, 2014**  
**7:05 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER** 7:05p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL** Answering Roll Call was Glahn, Howard, Kostuch, Rudnicki, Thompson, Waddick, Zarrin, and Chair Heer

Absent: Bale, Gubrud, Latham, Sokol

Late Arrival: Sierks

Staff Present: Ross Bintner and Rebecca Foster

**III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

**Motion made by Member Glahn and seconded by Member Zarrin to approve the Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

**IV. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes. Member Waddick requested Item VIII J. change "illegal items" to "organic materials". Mrs. Foster will ask Member Sierks what attachments need to be included with the motion amendment to Item VI A.

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

B. Attendance report and roster

C. Workgroup list and minutes

**Motion made by Member Zarrin and seconded by Member Glahn to approve the remaining Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Member Sierks arrived at 7:10p.m.**

**V. COMMUNITY COMMENT.** Drew Beson and Christian Clapp, 5844 Oaklawn Ave, expressed concern over the Pamela Park improvements impact it would have on the wetland. They were disappointed that they didn't receive a letter from the City explaining the improvements too.

**VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

A. Workplan. Edina (both the City entity and the community overall) will fail to meet the existing 2008 Comprehensive Plan Chapter 10 GHG reduction commitment for 2015 (a 15% reduction from 2007 baseline). This means the City is also failing to meet numerous other commitments it has made.

The EEC believes that the lack of a comprehensive City plan on energy/GHG reduction activities will make it difficult for Edina to have failure with its 2025 and 2050 reduction targets. Since the City has

claimed it will take a leadership role in its own operations, the EEC will focus its 2015 efforts on working with Council and Staff to create detailed and properly resourced action plans for energy/GHG reductions.

Given the EEC is an advisory body, any improvement in the City's performance will require leadership from the City Council and resources and management by the City Staff.

**WP1 – Reduce energy consumption/GHG emissions in City of Edina operations per the City's existing goals and commitments**

1. Measurement – city staff create and refine metrics and analyses by March 2015
  - a. B3 database for all City Buildings
  - b. Create metrics for City vehicle fleets(gallons of fuel) and Utility operations (energy usage)
  - c. Regional Indicators for City as a whole
2. City Building Energy Efficiency initiative
  - a. EEC Commissioners to work with City Manager and City Building manager to create a detailed approved plan for energy retrofitting existing buildings within 5 years by March 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. At least one building will be retrofitted in 2015 either under the City's own effort or under the State Guarantee Energy Savings program

**Member Rudnicki excused himself from the meeting at 8:00p.m.**

3. City Capital Process Environmental considerations initiative
  - a. EEC to review results of having an environmental considerations section in 2014 CIP process. EEC commissioners will work with City staff to refine and expand so that all capital decisions (i.e., new buildings, major building renovations and fleet purchases) have explicitly environmental analysis on how they will affect City GHG commitments

**WP2 – Reduce energy consumption/GHG emissions in City of Edina limits per the City's existing goals and commitments**

1. Community solar project
  - a. City will allocate staff time to scope, bid and execute a community solar project on a city building in 2015. Public Works roof is initial target site
  - b. EEC commissioners will work with the City staff on this effort
  - c. The City will determine will own a portion in this project for itself
  - d. The April 2015 EEC community event will be used to announce Community Solar to residents
2. EEC coordination with Park Board, Planning and Transportation commissions to achieve Chapter 10 commitments

- a. EEC commissioners will be assigned to attend these commission meetings to comment and recommend actions per the City's commitments
- 3. Expand City subsidized Home Energy Squad installs for low-income residents
  - a. The City will fund x installs at a cost of \$x (a dramatic increase over the current funding of \$y)

**WP3 – EEC will hold a 2 hour working session with City Council and City Manager to discuss existing Edina City environmental commitments and to align EEC charter, expectations, resources and timetables for results**

- 1) To be held after the November elections to insure continuity as new Council begins its work

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS.** No Comment.

**VIII. CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

- A. Building Energy Efficiency Subcommittee. No Report.
- B. Business Recycling Working Group. Member Zarrin said they are promoting the businesses who are recycling with Hennepin County stickers. Hennepin County will have another grant to help start recycling in October.
- C. City Environmental Considerations Subcommittee. No Report.
- D. Community Solar Subcommittee. No Report.
- E. Education Outreach Working Group. Member Howard said the September movie will be "Green House Gas Reduction".
- F. Home Energy Squad Subcommittee. No Report.
- G. Local Food Working Group. No Report.
- H. Recycling and Solid Waste Working Group. No Report.
- I. Student Subcommittee. No Report.
- J. Water Quality Working Group. Member Waddick said they've had two Boy Scout groups help stencil drains. She is looking for more volunteers. Stenciling will stop in October when the cool weather starts. She would like to start a Rain Barrel program in the spring.

Pamela Park Improvements. Chair Heer said the Pamela Park improvements were tied to the building of the Sports Dome. The plans were submitted to the Minnehaha Creek Watershed, so the improvements have to follow clean water guidelines.

**Motion made by Member Glahn and seconded by Member Thompson to request City staff with process knowledge of environmental aspect of renovation to Pamela Park and Park Board processing of approving plans. Motion carried unanimously.**

- K. 2014 EEC Summary and Schedule. No Report.

**IX. STAFF COMMENTS**

- A. Vision Edina Workshop. Mr. Bintner asked for three members to participate in the first phase of Vision Edina. *Vision Edina* is our community process to update the long-term (20 or more years) vision for the City of Edina.

The selected members will contribute to:

- An exercise to determine of how “future ready” and successful Edina is now, in line with national and international comparisons,
- A review of important global, national and local trends relevant to Edina,
- Identification and clustering of the key “drivers” shaping the future of Edina,
- Formation of four plausible scenarios for the future of Edina, and
- Identification of the preferred future and potential action steps to realize this future.

Members Kostuch and Howard volunteered.

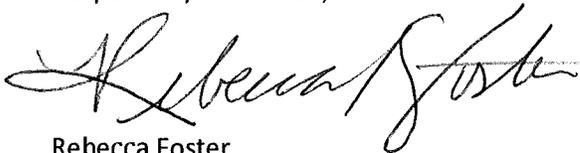
- B. Reallice Purchase. Mr. Bintner gave an update on the City’s purchase of a Reallice Ice Water Treatment System for Braemar Arena. The system will remove impurities and dissolved air from the water which will allow water to freeze at a higher temperature and saving energy.

**Motion made by Member Sierks and seconded by Member Zarrin the EEC thanks and recognizes staff seeking out opportunities to protect environment. Motion carried unanimously.**

There being no further business on the Commission Agenda, Chair Heer declared the meeting adjourned at 9:07p.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	1	1	0	0	0	1		10	
														6/3/2014	(enter date)		
Glahn, William	2/1/2017			1	1	1	1	1	1	1				1		8	100%
Gubrud, Bob	2/1/2016		1	1	1	1	1	1		1				1		8	80%
Heer, John	2/1/2015	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				1		10	100%
Howard, John	2/1/2016		1	1	1		1	1	1	1				1		8	80%
Kostuch, Keith	2/1/2016	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						9	90%
Latham, Dianne Plunkett	2/1/2015	1		1	1	1	1			1				1		7	70%
Rudnicki, Tim	2/1/2015		1		1	1	1	1	1	1						7	70%
Sierks, Bill	2/1/2016	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				1		10	100%
Thompson, Paul	2/1/2016	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1				1		9	90%
Waddick, Louise	2/1/2017			1	1	1	1	1	1	1						7	88%
Zarrin, Sarah	2/1/2015	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1				1		9	90%
Bale, Sarah	student	1		1	1	1	1							1		6	60%
Sokol, Elana	student	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						1		8	80%
Anderson, Reilly	student									1						1	100%
Padmanabhan, Sunaya	student									1						1	100%

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

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<b>INSTRUCTIONS:</b>	<b>Counted as Meeting Held (ON MEETINGS' LINE)</b>	<b>Attendance Recorded (ON MEMBER'S LINE)</b>
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.
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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