

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Energy and Environment Commission
Edina City Hall Community Room
Wednesday, October 17, 2007, 7:00 P.M.**

Members In Attendance:

Surya Iyer, Dianne Plunkett Latham, Raymond O'Connell, M. Germana Paterlini, Bill Sierks, Julie Risser, John Owens

Members Absent:

Sean Wenham, Ian Nelson

Staff Present:

Jane Timm

Others Present:

G.E. (Spud) Carpenter

John Madole

1. Welcome & Call to Order

2. Discussion and Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Paterlini moved to approve the meeting agenda.
Commissioner Surya seconded. Motion carried.

3. Discussion and Approval of September 19, 2007, Meeting Minutes

The Commissioners discussed the revisions of the Minutes. After discussion Commissioner O'Connell moved to approve the revised Minutes. Commissioner Surya seconded. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment

John Madole representing Linden Hills Power and Light came to discuss the status of the Linden Hills project and grants available. He gave an update on a feasibility study underway that will look at yard waste and source separate organics. He also gave an update of digesters they are looking at with regard to Morningside and neighboring communities. They would like the support of the Commission. No formal action.

Spud Carpenter a Morningside resident spoke in support of John Madole and his work with Linden Hills Power and Light.

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5. Discussion of October 16, 2007, Special Council Meeting

The Commission discussed the meeting with the City Council. The Commission members noted that the Council approved our committee structure and work plan. The Commission will now proceed to invite community volunteers to join the three committees.

6. ICLEI Membership

The membership was discussed along with the fee for membership. **Commissioner Paterlini made a motion to recommend the City of Edina spend up to \$600 to join ICLEI.** Commissioner Latham seconded. Motion carried.

7. Other Business

The Commission discussed an Energy Fair for 2008 and that the Education and Outreach Committee would attempt to put something together to start the process. The Commission will generate a list of potential non-profit and for-profit companies to be included in the Energy Fair.

The Commission discussed the possibility of solar panels installed in a city facility.

The Commission discussed the contents of the sub-committee membership letter. Secretary was advised to discuss with City Clerk and mail.

Chair Sierks asked the Commissioners to generate topics to be submitted to the Sun Current before the next meeting.

Commissioner O'Connell gave a report on the MEI (Minnesota Environmental Initiatives) meeting he attended.

The Commission discussed the approval of the members for the Recycling and Solid Waste Sub-Committee. Commissioner Risser made a motion to approve members Bill Bryan, Tim Rudnicki, Melissa Seeley, and Michelle Horan to the Recycling and Solid Waste Sub-Committee. Commissioner O'Connell seconded. Motion carried.

8. 2008 U.S. Women's Open

There was a discussion that volunteers will be needed to collect recycling materials from the Interlachen course and take them to central pick-up area on the course from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day. A team of Commissioners was formed to work on obtaining volunteers. The team consists of Commissioners Sierks, Nelson, O'Connell and Owens.

9. Adjournment

Commissioner Surya made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Owens seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The next meeting will be the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. November 21, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane M. Timm, Secretary