

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Energy and Environment Commission
Edina City Hall Community Room
Wednesday, January 16, 2008, 7:00 P.M.**

Members In Attendance:

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

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Jane Timm
Eric Paul

Others Present:

Neely Crane-Smith, Paul Thompson, Rachael Pream Grenier, Molly Forbes, Jake Brownell, Bob Gubrud

1. **Welcome & Call to Order**
2. **Discussion and Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Risser made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of the Energy Challenge presentation. Commissioner Paterlini seconded. Motion carried.

3. **Discussion and Approval of December 19, 2007, Meeting Minutes**

The Commission discussed the Minutes and after discussion **Commissioner O'Connell made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 19, 2007, with corrections. Commissioner Risser seconded. Motion carried.**

4. **Public Comment**

Eric Paul, an intern from Carleton College, is working to gather data on energy consumption in the City of Edina buildings and their operations to determine baseline carbon emissions.

5. **Minnesota Energy Challenge Presentation**

Paul Thompson introduced Neely Crane-Smith from the Minnesota Energy Challenge. She gave a presentation and handed out informational flyers.

6. **Project Earth**

Commissioner Iyer introduced the high school students representing Project Earth. They gave an update of their progress from last year.

- Recycling at the high school
- Outdoor Classrooms
- Discussions of City of Edina's ordinance for tree removal

7. Committee Updates

Commissioner Latham gave an update of the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee. **Commissioner Latham made a motion that the Commission recommend hiring a consultant for a maximum of \$9000.00 to review the Residential Recycling Collection Request for Proposal (RFP), and then review the proposals for contract consideration. Commissioner Risser seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Commissioner Risser gave an update of the Education and Outreach Committee activities.

The 4th of July Parade was discussed. Education Committee member Paul Thompson talked about the City of Edina embracing the Minnesota Energy Challenge. He will write a letter to the Sun Current.

Commissioner Paterlini gave an update of the Climate Change Committee meeting.

8. Comprehensive Plan

The Commission discussed the Energy and Environment section of the Comp Plan with updates. Commissioner Latham will complete the draft.

9. Other Business

Chair Sierks distributed a list of committee members to the commissioners and requested that they check for accuracy and completeness.

Chair Sierks distributed a sample list of projects to the commissioners with a request that it be completed and returned at the February 2008 meeting.

Commission members discussed changing the next three commission meetings to the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in Edina City Hall's Community Room. Secretary Timm will post the changes.

10. Adjournment

Commissioner Owens made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Iyer seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The next meeting will be the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. February 26, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane M. Timm, Secretary