

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

Members In Attendance and Roll Call:

Raymond O'Connell, M. Germana Paterlini, Bill Sierks, John Owens, Surya Iyer, Julie Risser, Hailey Lee

Dianne Plunkett Latham arrived at 8:15 p.m.

Absent:

Paul Thompson

Staff Present:

Heather Worthington, Jane Timm

1. Welcome & Roll Call

2. Discussion and Approval of Agenda

Commissioner O'Connell made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Commissioner Owens seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of June 18, 2008, Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 18, 2008 with amendments. Commissioner Sierks seconded. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment

No Public Comment.

5. Work Group Updates

Climate Change Work Group

Commissioner Paterlini announced that the City of Edina was accepted for the Carbon Disclosure pilot. Commissioner Paterlini stated that she had started the process on-line and that 2007 would be the baseline year. Assistant City Manager Worthington is waiting for data from Centerpoint and Xcel with a breakout of industrial, commercial and residential use for the entire City of Edina.

At the monthly Climate Change Workgroup, Mr. Bob Gubrud demonstrated a kilowatt meter and the work group concluded the kilowatt meter was slow and questioned people's interest in the meter. The Commission discussed putting the kilowatt meters in public libraries or in Edina Public School libraries. Ms. Worthington suggested talking to School Liaison Julie Rogers Bascom. The Climate Change Work Group would like to involve the community in using the kilowatt meters.

Commissioner Owens gave a report on his tour of the City facilities with regard to saving energy. He stated the pumping stations were in good shape. He explained that the city hall had one system for the both the Police Department and City Hall, that the Police Department is fully staffed at all times. He did question how one person (Terry Klapperick) could keep up with preventative maintenance for 50 facilities. Ms. Worthington explained that Electrician Dan McMahon and another electrician also worked with Terry Klapperick.

Education and Outreach Work Group

Commissioner Risser commented that the Energy and Environment's participation in the Fourth of July Parade was a success.

Commissioner Risser talked about a fall class on energy savings. Bob Gubrud will talk to the local Rotary. Members suggested:

- Jimmy Sparks of the Neighborhood Energy Consortium as a speaker.
- A local hardware store to give energy saving tips.
- Energy audits for households.
- A speaker on different furnaces and their saving incentives or rebates.

The Commission discussed posting a resource guide on our website. There was also a discussion about putting an energy flyer in the City of Edina utility bill. Commissioner Sierks suggested having energy flyers at the Edina Homecoming game. Ms. Worthington also suggested having energy flyers at the Open House at the fire station in October.

Recycling and Solid Waste Work Group

Commissioner Latham reminded the Commission about the upcoming tour of Eureka Recycling, along with the Waste Management tour in August.

Ms. Latham suggested the commissioners go to the Braemar Inspection Tour next year.

Ms. Latham gave an update on the Recycling RFP.

6. Commission Business

Chair Iyer made a suggestion to have Commissioner Owens become liaison to neighboring cities. **Chair Iyer made a motion to appoint Commissioner Owens as primary liaison to the neighboring cities. Commissioner Sierks seconded. Motion carried.**

Chair Iyer introduced 2008-2009 Student Commissioner, Hailey Lee to the Commission. Chair Iyer asked Commissioner Lee to choose one or two of the Work Groups and to become a member of the group (s).

Chair Iyer opened the floor regarding the program brought forth by Terry Gips and the Natural Step Framework Program. The Commission

discussed the cost, how many staff persons, Commission members, and City Council members would attend.

Commissioner Latham made a motion to contact the facilitator, Mr. Gips about a potential date in late February or early March 2009 at a \$95 a person fee. Commissioner Sierks seconded.

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Risser, Paterlini, Plunkett Latham

Nays: O'Connell, Owens

Abstained: Sierks, Iyer, Lee

Motion failed.

7. Comprehensive Plan Update

Commissioner Paterlini gave an update on changes to the Energy portion of the Comp Plan. Chair Iyer asked the Commission when the Energy and Environments chapter of the Comp Plan would be completed.

Commissioner Risser said she wanted to have a Public Hearing before the Energy and Environment chapter was submitted. Ms Worthington stated that the Energy chapter was not required in the Comp Plan and this chapter could be submitted at a later date. Ms. Worthington stated she had to submit the completed Comp Plan by the end of the year. After the comp plan is submitted, it was suggested to do the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to be prepared to vote on the acceptance of the energy chapter of the Comprehensive Plan at the September 2008 meeting. Commissioner O'Connell seconded. Motion carried.

8. Staff Report

Ms. Worthington gave her Comprehensive Plan update.

9. Adjournment

Commissioner O'Connell made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Paterlini 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. August 20, 2008 in the Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Timm, Secretary