

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Energy and Environment Commission  
Edina City Hall Community Room  
Wednesday, September 17, 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, Dianne Plunkett Latham, Paul Thompson, Hailey Lee

**Staff Present:**

Heather Worthington, Jane Timm

**1. Welcome & Roll Call**

**2. Discussion and Approval of Agenda after discussion and addition of Chamber of Commerce update.**

**Commissioner Sierks made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with amendments. Commissioner Paterlini seconded. Motion carried.**

**3. Approval of August 20, 2008, Meeting Minutes**

**Commissioner O'Connell made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 16, 2008 with amendments. Commissioner Latham seconded. Motion carried.**

**4. No Public Comment**

**5. Work Group Updates**

Climate Change Work Group

Commissioner Paterlini gave an update on the Carbon Disclosure project. There was a discussion about LED lighting used in cities. The upfront cost was discussed along with the long term savings.

Commissioner Paterlini also told the Commission the Work Group will not go further with promoting watt meters at this time.

Education and Outreach Work Group

Commissioner Thompson gave an update on the October 6, 2008 Energy Class about the promotion of the class. The City of Edina's outdoor sign would promote the class along with the cable channel. Project Earth would promote it at high school football games.

Recycling and Solid Waste Work Group

Commissioner Latham explained to the Commission the need to amend City Code 705 to the State of Minnesota definition of Source Separated Organics which is noted in detail in the RFP.

**Commissioner Latham made a motion that the EEC change the recommendation in the amendment of City Code 705 to conform with Section 4.26 of the cities RFP which embodies the new State Statute**

**definition of source separated organic materials. Commissioner Paterlini seconded. Motion carried.**

Commissioner Latham stated help was needed on the RFP Section 16.1. Commissioner Latham recommended the section should state a reduction of carbon to 15% to conform to the State of Minnesota's criteria.

**Commissioner O'Connell made a motion that the words be put forward from the Minnesota Global Mitigation Act 2007 to Section 16.1. Commissioner Sierks seconded. Motion carried.**

**Commissioner Latham made a motion to recommend a work session with the City Council, December 2008, to get their input and support concerning the Recycling RFP. Commissioner Paterlini seconded. Motion carried.**

**Commissioner Paterlini made a motion to have the Recycling RFP Consultant follow ICLEI guidelines. Commissioner Owens seconded. Motion carried.**

## **6. Commission Business**

Commissioner Paterlini gave an update on the Carbon Disclosure Project. The report will go in the City Council packet for the October 21, 2008 meeting.

Commissioner Paterlini gave an update on Chapter 10 of the Comprehensive Plan.

**Commissioner Owens made a motion to direct Chapter 10 of the Comprehensive Plan to the Edina City Council. Commissioner Sierks seconded. Motion carried.**

Commissioner Iyer gave an update on the 2008 EEC Annual Report.

**Commissioner Paterlini made a motion to approve the 2007-2008 EEC Annual Report. Commissioner Latham seconded. Motion carried.**

Commissioner Sierks gave an update on the kick off meeting with the Mn. State Chamber of Commerce, Edina Chamber of Commerce, Edina EEC members, Xcel Energy and Centerpoint.

The Commission discussed the City of Edina's website and it was suggested that the Education and Outreach Work Group and Climate Change Work Group have a meeting with Communications Director, Jennifer Bennerotte.

The Commission discussed the 70<sup>th</sup> Street road reconstruction proposal and whether there was a proposal to add bike lanes. Chair Iyer was advised to ask Alice Hulbert from the Bike Edina Task Force to attend an EEC meeting to explain their position.

The Commission discussed an attachment regarding guidelines for commissioners attending conferences/seminars. It was decided to follow the guidelines.

**7. No Staff Report**

**8. Adjournment**

**Commissioner Owens made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Paterlini seconded. Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting will be the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. October 15, 2008 in the Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Timm, Secretary