

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Energy and Environment Commission  
Edina City Hall Community Room  
Wednesday, December 17, 2008, 7:00 P.M.**

**Members In Attendance and Roll Call:**

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

**Absent:**

John Owens, Hailey Lee

**Staff Present:**

Heather Worthington, Jane Timm

**Public:**

Erik Ennen, Center for Energy and Environment – 212 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. N Minneapolis MN

Sean Gosiewski – Alliance for Sustainability – 1521 University Ave. NE Minneapolis MN

**1. Welcome & Roll Call**

**2. Discussion and Approval of Agenda.**

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

**3. Approval of the revised October 15, 2008, meeting minutes.**

**Commissioner Paterlini made a motion to approve the revisions of the minutes of October 15, 2008. Commissioner Latham seconded. Motion carried.**

**Approval of the November 19, 2008, meeting minutes with amendments.**

**Commissioner Sierks made a motion to approve the minutes November 19, 2008 with amendments. Commissioner Thompson seconded. Motion carried.**

**4. Public Comment**

Mr. Erik Ennen, Center for Energy and Environment – 212 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave . N Minneapolis MN and Mr. Sean Gosiewski – Alliance for Sustainability – 1521 University Ave. NE Minneapolis MN addressed the Commission about the four levels of the Sustainability and Natural Step Framework. They answered some questions and gave a brief presentation.

## 5. Work Group Updates

### Education and Outreach Work Group

Commissioner Risser discussed finalizing a year end letter to the Edina Sun Current about the progress of the EEC in 2008. The letter will be submitted December 18, 2008.

Commissioner Thompson discussed having a small paragraph in the Sun Current each month. Commissioner Thompson will talk to Jennifer Bennerotte, City of Edina Communication Director, regarding a Sun Current contact.

### Climate Change Work Group

Commissioner Paterlini gave an update of the Working Group meeting. It was suggested at the Work Group that Jeff Harnly from Xcel Energy present a seminar on "waste to energy" issues. Commissioner Paterlini suggested he attend the EEC meeting in March 2009.

Commissioner Paterlini talked to the Commission about making a short video about good car habits, and being a good "green" driver. The Communications Department would be notified about the possibility of shooting the video.

### Recycling and Solid Waste Work Group

Commissioner Latham explained that Vierkant Disposal is picking up organics every week. In July 2008 they had 800 customers and now they have 1100 customers.

Commissioner Latham informed the Commission which vendors have signed up for the RFP pre-conference.

Commissioner O'Connell asked that articles regarding recycling be kept for archival purposes. Commissioner Latham will ask Solvei Wilmot, City of Edina Recycling Coordinator, to keep the articles with the Working Group minutes.

Commissioner Latham gave an update on the meeting with the Edina City Council on December 2, 2008.

**Commissioner O'Connell made a motion to approve the Recycling Request For Proposal (RFP). Commissioner Risser seconded. Motion carried.**

Commissioner Latham brought sample plates, silverware, napkins and clam shells from "Buffalo Ridge Water Company" Canby, Minnesota to show the Commission.

## 6. **Commission Business**

Chairperson Iyer requested budget information for 2009. He also requested that the Commission make some decisions about the Natural Step Framework Seminars.

Heather Worthington gave a quick budget update. She will bring a report on MPCA grant in January of 2009.

The Commission discussed a facilitator (Richard Fursman) and it was decided Assistant City Manager, Heather Worthington would invite him to attend the January 2009 meeting if possible.

**Commissioner Paterlini made a motion to support the proposal of a community wide action plan on sustainability. After discussion, Commissioner Sierks made a friendly amendment to meet with a facilitator first to establish a work plan. Commissioner Paterlini accepted the friendly amendment. Commissioner Sierks seconded. Motion carried.**

## 7. **Adjournment**

**Commissioner Paterlini made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner O'Connell seconded. Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m. The next meeting will be the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. January 21, 2009 in the Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Timm, Secretary