

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Energy and Environment Commission
Edina City Hall Community Room
Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 8:30 P.M.**

Part II of Retreat was held from 5:00 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.

Members In Attendance and Roll Call:

Raymond O'Connell, M. Germana Paterlini, Bill Sierks, Surya Iyer, Julie Risser, Dianne Plunkett Latham, Hailey Lee, Paul Thompson, Jeannie Hanson, Steve Christianson, Michael Platteter,

Absent:

Staff Present:

Jane Timm, Heather Worthington

Public: N/A

1. Welcome & Roll Call

2. Discussion and Approval of Agenda.

Commissioner Paterlini made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Commissioner Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

3. The March 18, 2009 minutes were not available for approval.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Work Group Updates

None

6. Commission Business

Assistant City Manager, Heather Worthington gave information to the Commission on the Energy and Efficiency Community Block Grant that was received by the City of Edina. The amount of the grant was \$222,000. Ms. Worthington reported about working with a company called McKinstry and would do a walk through of all city facilities next week. The deadline to the federal government as to the plan to use the grant money would be June 25, 2009. She explained that the money had to be used for a "shovel ready" project and the new Public Works facility was being considered.

Ms. Worthington explained that geothermal heating for the new Public Works facility was a consideration for the grant money. Commissioner

O'Connell made two suggestions for the grant money, a bio digester and/or a wind farm.

Commissioner Risser gave an update on the Planning Commission meeting April 8, 2009. Commissioner Scherer, Planning Commission, brought to the Planning Commission's attention that Edina had opted out of the commuter rail process in 2001. She believed it needed to be re-visited by Edina City Council.

There was discussion by the Commissioners and it was decided Ms. Worthington would report at the Energy and Environment Commission meeting in May 2009 about the 2001 City Council decision.

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Christianson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Lee 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. May, 20, 2009 in the Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Timm, Secretary