

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Energy and Environment Commission
Edina City Hall Community Room
Wednesday, June 17, 2009, 7:00 P.M.**

Members In Attendance and Roll Call:

M. Germana Paterlini, Bill Sierks, Surya Iyer, Julie Risser, Hailey Lee, Paul Thompson, Jeannie Hanson, Steve Christianson, Michael Platteter

Absent: Dianne Plunkett Latham, Raymond O'Connell

Staff Present:

Jane Timm, Heather Worthington

1. Welcome & Roll Call

2. Discussion and Approval of Agenda.

Commissioner Risser made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with an addition of a letter from the Sierra Club. Commissioner Paterlini seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2009.

Commissioner Risser made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2009 special meeting. Commissioner Lee seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the May 20, 2009 Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Christianson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2009 meeting. Commissioner Sierks seconded. Motion carried.

4. Community Comment

None

5. Work Group Updates

Education and Outreach Work Group

Commissioner Thompson gave an update of their monthly meeting.

- Fourth of July Parade and the flyers that would be handed out
- Next monthly Sun Current article from Commissioner Lee
- August 18 "Our Clean Energy Future" event

Recycling and Solid Waste Work Group

No update

Climate Change Work Group

No update.

Water Quality Work Group

Commissioner Risser gave an update of their monthly meeting. She explained they made a decision about key projects. She also talked about achievable projects.

- Ground water quality policy
- Ethanol use
- Rain barrel distribution within the city

Chair Iyer asked for nominations to chair the Water Quality Working Group.

Commissioner Risser made a motion to nominate Commissioner Christianson to chair the Water Quality Working Group. Commissioner Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

6. Commission Business

Chair Iyer made a suggestion that the Commission discuss how many working groups were appropriate for the commission. He asked that they discuss it and make a decision at the July meeting.

Chair Iyer asked that the Energy and Environment Commission bylaws be discussed at the July meeting.

Assistant City Manager Worthington asked that any links that a commissioner might want added to the website be sent to her or Secretary Timm for prior approval.

Assistant City Manager Worthington asked that all Working Group members go through their chair person, if they have questions for city staff. The chair person can then contact her or Secretary Timm so the appropriate staff person is notified.

There was a discussion about recruiting volunteers for the Working Groups. Consensus was to create the focus of the Working Groups first. A sign up sheet would be available at the August 18, 2009 event along with flyers distributed with sign up information at National Night out. In addition, Commissioner Lee would mention the recruitment in her upcoming article in the Sun Current.

Ms. Worthington distributed a financial report of the Energy and Environment Commission.

Ms. Worthington reminded the Commission she would not be attending the July and August 2009 EEC meetings.

Commissioner Sierks gave an overview of an EPA grant. He suggested a team of five Commissioners work to complete the application process. The application is due July 22, 2009.

Commissioner Christianson made a motion that if five Commissioners agreed to write the grant they could go forward with filing the intent to apply for the grant. Commissioner Paterlini seconded. Motion carried.

Chair Iyer asked that dates be chosen for the Natural Step training. No dates were chosen at that time.

Commissioner Paterlini and Iyer reviewed a letter from the Sierra Club to the EPA at the request of the mayor. The Commissioners decided to comment on the letter individually.

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Christianson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Thompson seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The next meeting will be the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. July 15, 2009 in the Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Timm, Secretary