

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Energy and Environment Commission  
Edina City Hall Community Room  
Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 7:00 P.M.**

**Members In Attendance and Roll Call:** Surya Iyer, Julie Risser, Jeannie Hanson, Michael Platteter, Dianne Plunkett Latham, M. Germana Paterlini, Hailey Lee, Paul Thompson

**Absent:** Bill Sierks, Steve Christianson

**Staff Present:** Jane Timm

**1. Welcome & Roll Call**

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

**Commissioner Latham made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with an amendment. Commissioner Risser seconded. Motion carried.**

**3. Approval of the August 19, 2009 Meeting Minutes.**

**Commissioner Paterlini made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2009 meeting with amendments. Commissioner Lee seconded. Motion carried.**

**4. Chair Announcements**

Chair Iyer announced that Commissioner Ray O'Connell had resigned and read his letter of resignation. Commissioner Iyer noted that he would write a thank you letter to Commissioner O'Connell on behalf of the Energy and Environment Commission.

Chair Iyer gave information to the commissioners about the Green Institutes 16<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting on October 29, 2009 in Minneapolis.

There was a discussion about CERT's accepting proposals for SEED grant funding due no later than November 2, 2009. Chair Iyer asked Commissioner Hanson, Sierks or Platteter to look at the information.

There was a discussion about joining one or more of the EPA partnership programs. The commissioners discussed joining either the EPA or Green Cities, but not both. No formal decision was made at that time.

There was a discussion about the letter to Manager Hughes formalizing EEC input in City's projects. Some amendments were made to the letter.

**Commissioner Paterlini made a motion to approve the letter to the City Manager with amendments. Commissioner Thompson seconded. Motion carried.**

### **Old Business**

Commissioner Hanson gave an update on the Tree Planting project. She asked for input on a letter she wanted to send to Jennifer Bennerotte, Communications Director that would hopefully be published in the October Sun Current. There was a discussion on how to obtain the trees.

**Commissioner Hanson made a motion to send the letter with amendments to Jennifer Bennerotte, Communications Director. Commissioner Paterlini seconded. Motion carried.**

Commissioner Hanson gave an update on the Krieg Grant.

**Commissioner Latham made a motion to forward the proposed Krieg Grant application to the Park Board with an EEC endorsement and request that the Park Board evaluate the proposed Krieg Grant application at their next meeting and if approved by the Park Board the Park Board should approve the site for the proposed algae to oil demonstration project. Commissioner Lee seconded. Motion carried.**

Commissioner Platteter explained the spreadsheet that was handed out to each commissioner about the EEC goals. The commissioners were instructed to review and come up with things that should be on the spreadsheet by the October 21, 2009 meeting.

Commissioner Platteter gave a recap of a meeting he attended Monday, September 14, 2009 with local mayors. They would like 5 cities to volunteer for the pilot program. It is a Green Cities program. The state would provide a project manager. It was noted that this is supported by the mayor and city manager. A letter of intent would need to be signed by the mayor and city manager.

**Commissioner Platteter made a motion for the EEC to recommend and draft a letter to join Green Cities. Commissioner Iyer seconded. Motion carried.**

Commissioner Platteter will draft a letter to join Green Cities.

**Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve \$100 for 20 copies of the Clean Energy DVD. Commissioner Latham seconded. Motion carried.**

**Commissioner Platteter made a motion to spend an extra \$100 to do an additional 20 minute Clean Energy DVD. Commissioner Hanson seconded. Motion carried.**

Commissioner Thompson stated he gave the World Mayors Proclamation to Mayor Hovland at the City Council meeting September 15, 2009.

Commissioner Thompson would like the support of the EEC to go to Copenhagen as an ICLEI delegate in December 2009. This was tabled until Assistant City Manager Worthington could give the budget report.

## **5. Community Comment**

Sarah Zarrin, 7609 Stonewood Ct. Edina MN spoke to the commission about the October 24, 2009 International Service Day. They are asking for 350 leaders from Edina to pledge what they can do, to make the City of Edina "greener". Four projects they have in mind:

- Winterizing
- Chemical and electronic recycling
- Human Picture
- End of Service Day Celebration

## **6. Adjournment**

**Commissioner Thompson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Platteter 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. October 21, 2009 in the Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Timm, Secretary