

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Energy and Environment Commission
Edina City Hall Community Room
Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 7:00 P.M.**

Members In Attendance and Roll Call: Surya Iyer, Steve Christianson, Jeannie Hanson, Michael Platteter, Dianne Plunkett Latham, M. Germana Paterlini, Bill Sierks, Paul Thompson

Absent: Hailey Lee, Julie Risser

Staff Present: Heather Worthington, Jane Timm

1. Welcome & Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Iyer.

2. Discussion and Approval of Agenda.

Commissioner Christianson made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with an additional topic requested by Commissioner Thompson regarding the Copenhagen Conference. Commissioner Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the September 16, 2009 Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2009 meeting. Commissioner Platteter seconded. Motion carried.

4. Chair Announcements

Chair Iyer announced that Edina was chosen as one of the five GreenStep Cities. He acknowledged Commissioner Sierks and Platteter for their hard work and gave them special thanks.

Assistant City Manager Heather Worthington gave the commission an update of their budget.

Commissioner Thompson gave an update on the upcoming October 24, 2009, Edina Day of Service activities. He explained the workshop would be from 1:30 to 3 pm and asked that all commissioners attend. The group photo was to be held at 3 p.m. and after that a celebration from 4-6 pm would be held. He announced that Mayor Hovland and Edina School District Superintendent Ric Dressen would be speakers. Assistant City Manager, Heather Worthington stated that all council members would be involved as volunteers at Edina's Day of Service.

Old Business

Commissioner Thompson talked about his upcoming trip to Copenhagen. He talked about his schedule during his time there. He told the commission he would be going to several Edina schools teaching the students about 350.org and the upcoming conference.

Commission Thompson also requested the EEC partially fund his trip to Copenhagen with a portion of their budget.

Assistant City Manager Heather Worthington gave an update of the EEC budget. She explained the 2009 balance was \$13,000, and the City Council recommended a preliminary budget of \$10,000 for 2010. Chair Iyer asked the commissioners to think about their budget needs in the upcoming year.

Commissioner Sierks made a motion for the EEC to approve Commissioner Thompson's trip to the Copenhagen UN Climate Conference and to pay for his plane ticket up to \$1000. Commissioner Paterlini seconded. Motion carried with Roll Call vote.

**Ayes: Sierks, Christianson, Paterlini, Iyer
Nays: Plunkett Latham, Hansen, Platteter
Motion carried.**

Commissioner Hanson gave an update on the tree planting project. Commissioner Hanson will pursue working on a grant from MNDOT to plant trees along the highways.

Commissioner Hanson stated that she did not pursue monies from the Krieg Grant.

The Commission discussed the spreadsheet in the packet regarding the goals of the commission. Commissioner Platteter will update and sort the data for the commission.

5. Adjournment

Commissioner Latham made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Christianson 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. November 18, 2009 in the Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Timm, Secretary