

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Energy and Environment Commission
Edina City Hall Community Room
Wednesday, November 18, 2009, 7:00 P.M.**

Members In Attendance and Roll Call: Surya Iyer, Steve Christianson, Dianne Plunkett Latham, M. Germana Paterlini, Bill Sierks, Paul Thompson, Hailey Lee, Julie Risser

Absent: Jeannie Hanson, Michael Platteter

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 Sierks made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with additions: Nominations, Edina Community Foundation, and Copenhagen. Commissioner Christianson seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the October 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2009 meeting. Commissioner Christianson seconded. Motion carried.

4. Community Comment

Resident, Chuck Prentice, 5009 W. 60th St, came on behalf of his daughter Valiea Prentice. They would like the City of Edina to support the Copenhagen UN Climate Conference by way of a resolution. She will attend the Conference. Commissioner Thompson was given direction to put wording together for a resolution to be brought in front of Edina City Council, December 1, 2009.

Resident, Greg Nelson, [6120 Hansen Rd](#), was at the meeting to learn about the EEC and perhaps become a part of a Working Group.

5. Staff Update

Assistant City Manager, Heather Worthington gave an update on the B3 data (Benchmark for State of MN with cities over 5,000 to measure building efficiency) update.

Ms. Worthington gave an update of the ICLEI Milestone I. The data has been completed and the draft report would be given to the Commission for consideration at the next meeting. After that time, it would be submitted to ICLEI.

Ms. Worthington gave an update on the beginning of ICLEI Milestone II. She discussed an upcoming meeting with Kristina Smitten, Project Coordinator of ULI (Urban Land Institute). They will determine the approach and best practices for the Green Step Cities. The pilot program begins in January 2010 and ends in June of 2010.

Ms. Worthington told the commission she will bring forward policy/policies for the commission to consider at the next meeting. The policies would involve making the city more sustainable.

Ms. Worthington told the commission that Minneapolis, Hennepin County and Edina now have a Working Group based on sustainability issues.

6. Commission Business

Commissioner Latham read a recommendation from the Recycling and Solid Waste Working Group (RSW WG) for the EEC to consider. It was regarding a community survey.

Commissioner Latham made a motion on behalf of the RSW WG to recommend that the Edina City Council request the EEC to study recycling and solid waste issues such as organized hauling and single sort recycling, including economic and environmental benefits. The study is to be conducted with a community survey as well as with other applicable instruments. Thereafter recommendations will be made to Council. Commissioner Sierks seconded. Rollcall Vote:

**Ayes: Christianson, Latham, Lee, Paterlini, Risser, Sierks, Thompson, Iyer
Motion carried.**

At this time, Businessman, Gary Vierkant, spoke about a survey done in 1973 about organized garbage collection.

Jim Jones of the RSW WG presented a PowerPoint on "Office Recycling". He talked about the approach to having office buildings/suites implement recycling in their buildings.

Chair Iyer talked with commissioners about the 2009/2010 objectives and asked the chairs of the working groups keep the commission up to speed on the projects and priorities.

Chair Iyer asked Jane Timm to keep a spreadsheet of the volunteer responses to the press release in the Sun Current and bring it to the December 2009 meeting.

Commissioner Christianson made a motion to nominate and approve Julie Mellum, 5700 York Ave S to the Air & Water Quality Working Group. Commissioner Latham seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to nominate three energy champions – Shepherd of the Hills Church, 500 Blake Rd, Faith Community Energy

Champion; Jane Levin and Judy Reisman, 4235 Alden Ave, Family Energy Champions; and Florida West Office Building in Golden Valley, Minnesota, Business Energy Champion. Commissioner Latham seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to authorize the Chair of the EEC to sign the document earmarked to establish an account for the EEC at the Edina Community Foundation. Commissioner Latham seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to draft a resolution regarding support of the UN Convention on Climate Change in Copenhagen to be adopted by the Edina City Council which states:

WHEREAS, the City of Edina adopted ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection Campaign on November 5, 2007 and

WHEREAS, through its actions the City of Edina has demonstrated concern over global warming.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Edina strongly supports action at the upcoming UN Convention on climate change in Copenhagen for the United States and other nations to commit to reducing green house gas emissions to a level necessary to stabilize atmospheric CO2 levels at or below 350 ppm. Commissioner Latham seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Thompson gave an update on his upcoming trip to Copenhagen. He will be there from December 2 through December 21, 2009. He gave his blog site to all commissioners. Commissioner Thompson also made a request to work from the Education and Outreach Working Group to set up an informational meeting about Julie Risser's trip to Indonesia, Paul Thompson's Copenhagen trip, and the roll out of the GreenStep program. The date decided on was January 26, 2010.

Commissioner Latham asked the commission to consider her letter for the Sun current on Emerald Ash Borer.

Commissioner Sierks made a motion to approve Commissioner Latham's letter for the monthly article in the Edina Sun Current on Emerald Ash Borer. Commissioner Christianson seconded. Motion carried.

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Christianson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Thompson 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. December 16, 2009 in the Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Timm, Deputy City Clerk