

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Energy and Environment Commission
Edina City Hall Community Room
Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 7:00 P.M.**

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

Staff Present: Heather Worthington, Jane Timm

1. Welcome & Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chair Iyer.

2. Discussion and Approval of Agenda.

Commissioner Christianson made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with amendments-February elections and Procurement Policy. Commissioner Latham seconded. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Latham made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2009 meeting with an amendment changing business recycling to commercial recycling. Commissioner Risser seconded. Motion carried.

4. Community Comment

None

5. Staff Update

None

6. Commission Business

Chair Iyer reminded the commissioners that at the February meeting the election for Chair Person and Vice Chair Person would be held.

Due to a conflict the meeting date of the commission meetings was changed to the 2nd Thursday of each month starting March 2010. The February meeting was scheduled for February 17, 2010. Secretary Timm was instructed to send out an updated calendar.

There was a discussion about no longer having a dual EEC commissioner with the Edina Park Board. Chair Iyer gave some background information about why this was being addressed.

Commissioner Latham made a motion to send a resolution to Edina City Council to amend City Code removing the dual commissioner and appointing a commissioner directly to the EEC. Commissioner Hanson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Worthington asked the commission to appoint a commissioner from the EEC to the Public Work Site Plan Project. She explained it would take an extensive commitment from one commissioner in the month of April 2010. This was tabled to the February 2010 meeting. Heather asked any commissioner that was interested to contact her.

Commissioner Latham made a motion to submit a letter approved by the Recycling and Solid Waste Working Group to the Sun Current with some amendments for publication in February 2010. Motion carried.

Commissioner Latham made a motion to approve a new member Laura Benson to the Recycling and Solid Waste Working Group. Commission Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Thompson requested a date be set to present to the residents of Edina his trip to Copenhagen, Commissioner Risser's trip to Indonesia, Go Green Group presentation, and the City of Edina's GreenStep Cities Pilot Project. The date suggested was March 2010, in the Council Chambers.

Kristina Smitten a consultant on behalf of Urban Land Institute Minnesota to speak about GreenStep Cities. Ms. Smitten provided a PowerPoint presentation. The program is an aggressive five month pilot program to develop best practices. There are 5 Minnesota cities in this pilot program. A city would have to meet a certain number of best practices to become a GreenStep City in Minnesota.

Commissioner Latham made a motion to have Edina City Council approve the GreenStep City Demonstration Project agreement. Commissioner Sierks seconded. Motion carried.

Assistant City Manager Worthington asked each commissioner to review the 27 best practices and send the top five to her before the February 1, 2010 meeting with City Council members.

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Platteter made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sierks 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. February 17, 2010 at Edina City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Timm, Deputy City Clerk