

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Energy and Environment Commission
Edina City Hall Community Room
Thursday, March 11, 2010, 7:00 P.M.**

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

Absent: Steve Christianson, Hailey Lee

Staff Present: Heather Worthington, Jane Timm

1. Welcome

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

2. Discussion and Approval of Agenda.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with amendments. Commissioner Latham seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the February 17, 2010 Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Latham made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2010 meeting. Commissioner Paterlini seconded. Motion carried.

4. Community Comment

Diana Windhorst, 4907 Lakeview Drive was in attendance and wanted some general information about the Energy and Environment Commission.

5. Staff Update

Assistant City Manager, Heather Worthington announced that City Manager, Gordon Hughes would retire July 30, 2010.

6. Commission Business

Chair and Vice Chair Elections:

- Two candidates were nominated; Commissioner Platteter and Commissioner Latham. Paper ballots were cast. The outcome was 5-3. Commissioner Latham was elected Chairperson.
- There was one candidate for Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Paterlini was elected as Vice Chair.

Commissioner Thompson gave an update and encouraged all commissioners to attend the Twin Cities Sustainable Community Conference March 12 and 13.

Commission Thompson gave an update on the March 23, Report to the Community. There was a discussion and the event was finalized.

Ms. Worthington gave an update on the GreenStep Cities meeting she attended with the four other pilot cities. They discussed:

- Goals,
- Best Practices
- Missing Best Practice-Air Quality
- Hara Measurement Tool

Kristina Smitten a consultant on behalf of Urban Land Institute Minnesota will meet with Hara and get a demonstration of the software package.

Commissioner Latham showed a website for Easy Office Recycling. There was a discussion about endorsement by the EEC and it was decided not to endorse the website, but forward the information to the Edina Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Latham introduced a product stewardship resolution that was supported by the Edina Recycling and Solid Waste Working Group.

Commissioner Latham made a motion that Edina City Council be requested to endorse the Product Stewardship Resolution. Commissioner Risser seconded.

Rollcall Vote:

Ayes: Latham, Paterlini, Hansen, Risser, Sierks

Nays: Iyer, Platteter

Abstain: Thompson

Motion carried.

Commissioner Platteter talked about working on a residential program that is set up specifically for Edina or a program that already exists. Commissioner Platteter and Sierks will meet with utility companies. They are in the informational stage at this time.

Commissioner Latham brought handouts from the 9 Mile Creek Watershed. They are willing to come to the city and present a 2 hour workshop on water and natural resource management.

Commissioner Platteter gave information about USGBC Conference (United State Green Building Councils) in May 2010. After a discussion about the cost and how many commissioners should go they decided to table it until the April 2010 EEC meeting. Any commissioner interested in going was instructed to contact Ms. Worthington.

Commissioner Risser gave an update on the new intern, Elizabeth Templin. She would be working on EEC issues and located in the Planning Department of Edina City Hall.

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Latham made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sierks 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. April 8, 2010 at Edina City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Timm, Deputy City Clerk