

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Energy and Environment Commission
Edina City Hall Community Room
Thursday, April 8, 2010, 5:30 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, Hailey Lee

Staff Present: Heather Worthington, Jane Timm

1. Welcome

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Latham.

2. Discussion and Approval of Agenda.

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

3. Approval of the March 11, 2010 Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2010 meeting. Commissioner Paterlini seconded. Motion carried.

4. Community Comment

Bob Gubrud of the Education and Outreach Working Group gave the commission information about a workshop on April 20 in Apple Valley. Mr. Gubrud and Commissioner Thompson agreed to attend the workshop and Commissioner Thompson will give a report at the May EEC meeting.

5. Staff Report

Assistant City Manager, Heather Worthington talked about two GreenStep meetings she attended, one with Kristina Smitten and one with the Pilot group.

Ms Worthington asked the commission to give an update at the May EEC meeting regarding the one page reports required for the GreenStep Pilot.

Ms Worthington asked the commissioners to look at the Pilot Within A Pilot – LHB Corporation that was in the packet. She asked to have this item put on the agenda in May for discussion.

Ms. Worthington gave a report on a meeting with Xcel Energy and Centerpoint representatives.

Commissioner Platteter made a motion to promote the Xcel and Centerpoint “Energy Squad” program. Commissioner Iyer seconded. Motion carried.

6. GreenStep Cities Assignments

At this time there was a discussion about the GreenStep assignments.

Commission Paterlini made a recommendation to get the most current draft of the required steps of the GreenStep Cities Pilot Program from Ms. Worthington.

The commission discussed the proposed purchasing policy.

Commissioner Iyer made a motion to approve the environmental purchasing policy with some small editorial changes. Commissioner Risser seconded. Motion carried.

Chair Latham asked the commission to create a task force to review the turf management policy.

Commissioner Sierks made a motion to create a task force to review the City of Edina's Turf Management Policy. The members of the task force would include Energy and Environment Commissioner (Paterlini), Park Board Commissioner, Community Health Commissioner, Edina Staff, Sherry Engelman and Vince Cockriel. Commissioner Iyer seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Sierks gave an update on a local government energy financing law that was passed April 1, 2010.

Chair Latham explained to the commission a concept to have artists design recycling bins and place around the city.

Commissioner Risser made a motion to establish a Recycling Bin Task Force consisting of a Recycling and Solid Waste Work Group member and Public Art member. Staff members would include Solvei Wilmot and a staff person from the Art Center. Commissioner Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

7. Chair Report

Chair Latham asked the commission to discuss the possibility of meeting with the sister cities involved in the GreenStep Pilot Program.

Chair Latham asked the commission to make a motion and approve the Alternative Energy Working Group members.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the Alternative Energy Working Group members. Members included, Jeannie Hanson, Richard Griffith, Bob Gubrud, Richard Oriani, Greg Nelson, Ron Rich, and Renee DiVicino. Commissioner Sierks seconded. Motion carried.

Chair Latham requested a motion to approve member Bob Genovese to the Education and Outreach working Group.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the new Education & Outreach Working Group member, Bob Genovese. Commissioner Risser seconded. Motion carried.

The commission discussed the two openings on the Energy and Environment Commission.

Chair Latham reminded the commissioners of the tentative date of June 15, 2010 for a work session with City Council.

Chair Latham asked the commissioners for their opinion regarding changing the November 11, 2010 meeting to November 18, 2010. All commissioners were in agreement.

Chair Latham was asked to check with Assistant City Manager, Heather Worthington about business cards for commissioners.

8. Education and Outreach Working Group Report

Commissioner Thompson gave a report on the Report to the Community on March 23, 2010.

Commissioner Thompson gave the commissioners information on the EEC/Bike Edina Task Force bike ride from Braemar Golf Course to Quality Bikes. The tentative date was either May 20 or May 27.

Commissioner Thompson gave the commissioners information on the Bike Rodeo, April 17, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Highlands School.

Commissioner Thompson requested the commission to approve the expenses from the Report to the Community in March 2010.

Commissioner Paterlini made a motion to approve expenses submitted by Commissioner Thompson from the March 23, 2010 Report to the Community for \$65.90. Commissioner Risser seconded. Motion carried.

9. Adjournment

Commissioner Sierks made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Iyer seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next meeting will be the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. May 13, 2010 at Edina City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Timm, Deputy City Clerk