

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Energy and Environment Commission
Edina City Hall Community Room
Thursday, June 10, 2010, 7:00 P.M.**

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

Absent: Jeannie Hanson, Hailey Lee

Staff Present: Jane Timm

1. Welcome

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

2. Approval of Agenda and Topic Time Allocation. The agenda was approved as written, with one addition, "#17 Efficient Stormwater Management".

3. Approval of May 13 minutes

The May 13 minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Community Comment

Intern Elizabeth Templin from Edina High School gave a presentation. She did a project on Edina schools "going green" and what improvements can still be made.

Resident, Raymond O'Connell, 4612 Valley View Rd, shared his concern with the commission about the loss of trees/green space at the proposed assisted living location near Colonial Church of Edina.

5. Chair Report

Chair Latham presented the commission with information on a NEMO (Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials) Workshop. The registration fee is \$25.00 per person. Commissioner Latham, Risser, and Tucker would like to attend.

Commission Paterlini made a motion to approve expenditures up to \$75.00 to attend the NEMO Workshop. Commissioner Gubrud seconded. Motion carried.

6. Policy and Project Report

No report.

7. Education and Outreach Working Group Report

Commissioner Thompson gave an update on the July 3rd parade. The commission discussed an electric car, hand-outs, signs, and magnets.

The commission decided to put the magnets on hold until the next meeting.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve up to \$1000 for the purchase of door hangers and/or flyers. Commissioner Iyer seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve up to \$100 to laminate signs to be placed on the electric car for the July 3 parade. Commissioner Gubrud seconded. Motion carried.

8. Residential Energy Project.

Commissioners Sierks, Platteter and Gubrud gave an update. There was a discussion about Xcel Energy providing the City of Edina with kWh usage data. Commissioner Sierks explained to the commission that Excel Energy was mandated by the state to reduce use. He asked the commission to trust the above commissioners and give them flexibility when working with Xcel Energy.

9. Staff Report

Chair Latham gave an update on the Product Stewardship Resolution status. The legislature did not address the program this year. This will be addressed next year when the legislature is in session.

The commission discussed business cards. Jane Timm showed the commission City of Edina blank business cards. There was a discussion about having the EEC's Mission Statement on the back, and whether sheets of the cards could be provided to the commissioners so that they could print their names on them on their home computers. Jane will follow up with Assistant City Manager, Heather Worthington

10. The discussion on the proposed meeting with the GreenStep counterparts was postponed until Assistant City Manager, Heather Worthington returns.

11. Commission Sierks gave an update on "Pilot Within A Pilot" program. The pilot would measure entire City of Edina's tons of waste, vehicle miles traveled (VMT), and how much energy had been used. This would be from the last two years. The commissioners discussed hiring a consultant for approximately \$7000 or purchasing a Hara measurement tool. This item was tabled to the July 2010 meeting when Asst. Manager Worthington could participate.

12. GreenStep Pilot Program

#1 Public Building & Lighting – The city has not ranked the city buildings in the B 3 database. This would take significant funding.

#2 Private Existing Buildings & Lighting – Implementation should happen next year.

#11 Complete Streets – Commissioner Latham presented this step to the Transportation Commission.

#17 Efficient Storm Water Management – Commissioner Tucker and the Water Quality Working Group (WQ WG) met with the Nine Mile Watershed District (9MCWD), which strongly advised that Storm Water Management be added back into GreenStep Cities program. 9MCWD does not believe that you can effectively have a surface water Green Step BP without a storm water Green Step BP.

Commissioner Tucker made a motion to reinstate GreenStep #17 Efficient Storm Water Management back into the program. Commissioner Risser seconded. Motion carried.

#19 Surface Water Quality – Commissioner Tucker told the commission she would be meeting with staff member Wayne Houle about various issues raised by the WQ WG.

#3 Green Buildings - Commissioner Platteter suggested this step be dropped. The International Building Code will supersede city codes.

Commissioner Platteter made a motion to drop #3 Green Buildings from the GreenStep program. Commissioner Iyer seconded. Motion carried.

#23 Air Quality - Commissioner Tucker gave an update and suggested shaping a wood burning ordinance. She also talked about educational PDA's, perhaps on vehicle idling.

#25 Renewable Energy – Commissioner Sierks gave information on a federal stimulus grant. City Council would have to approve the grant.

Commissioner Latham asked the commission if they would be interested in seeing the Wind Source PowerPoint presentation. It was suggested to ask Heather what staff members would attend.

13. Appointment of Alternative Energy Working Group Co-Chairs.

Chair Latham announced the resignation of Commissioner Hansen. Commissioner Iyer was appointed Interim Chair of the Alternative Energy Working Group (AEWG). He will attend the June 22 AEWG meeting. There was a discussion about whether to continue this Working Group, or whether its focus should be sharpened. A decision was tabled to the July meeting when Commissioner Iyer could report on the June AEWG 22 meeting result.

Commissioner Paterlini volunteered to keep track of the budget and agreed to email the expenditures to all commissioners.

Commissioner Iyer made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Thompson seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. The next meeting will be the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. July 8, 2010 at Edina City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Timm, Deputy City Clerk