

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Energy and Environment Commission  
Edina City Hall Community Room  
Thursday, July 8, 2010, 7:00 P.M.**

**Members In Attendance and Roll Call:** Dianne Plunkett Latham, Michael Platteter, Paul Thompson, Julie Risser, Surya Iyer, Susan Tucker, Bob Gubrud

**Absent:** Bill Sierks, Hailey Lee, M. Germana Paterlini,

**Staff Present:** Jane Timm, Heather Worthington

**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, explanation of attendance.

**3. Approval of June 10 minutes**

The June 10, 2010 minutes were unanimously approved.

**4. Community Comment**

Resident, John Spanhake, 5701 Maguire Rd, Edina MN inquired if the Southdale Shopping Center has a closed loop cooling system. Assistant City Manager, Heather Worthington was asked to confirm this. He asked about efficient commercial buildings in Edina. He also asked about lead paint on utility poles. Chair Latham told the commission Wayne Houle would supply her with a report on the utility poles. John also requested information about school districts bus fleets and their reduction of diesel fuel emissions.

**5. Chair Report**

Chair Latham gave an update on the EEC student applications/interviews for the upcoming year.

**6. Policy and Project Report**

Commissioner Platteter handed out a draft "Edina Environmental and Energy Commission Endorsement Policy". The commission discussed the draft policy and directed Commissioner Platteter to revise the policy and present it at the August meeting.

**7. Education and Outreach Working Group Report**

Commissioner Gubrud told the commission the July 3<sup>rd</sup> parade was a great success.

The commission discussed purchasing magnets to advertise EEC and the Edina Residential Energy Project.

**Commissioner Gubrud made a motion to approve \$1400 for the purchase of magnets for the Edina Residential Energy Project. Commissioner Risser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Platteter asked that the meeting packet be displayed on the computer/projector at the monthly meetings.

**8. Residential Energy Project**

Commissioner Platteter explained that [Edinagogreen.org](http://Edinagogreen.org) is up and running. It was noted the contact person for the website was Edina Communications Director, Jennifer Bennerotte.

Commissioner Platteter gave an update on the training for the Door Knocking Event in the Morningside Neighborhood.

## 9. Staff Report

Heather Worthington gave an update on the old Public Works location. The Community Advisory Team authorized staff to write a grant for the Livable Community Act through the Metropolitan Council. This grant would help with a further study of the area.

Jane Timm will order blank business cards for the commission and will contact Commissioner Platteter or Commissioner Thompson when they are delivered.

The new Public Works Building is not suitable for solar panels, but will look at other buildings in the city.

## 10. GreenStep Counterpart Meeting

Heather Worthington will work on getting the Falcon Heights Commission together with the City of Edina's commissioner to discuss the Green Step Program.

## 11. GreenStep Pilot Program

Heather Worthington has put the Hara software in a budget request. Heather would like to have a demo done at the August EEC meeting. Heather informed the commission of a conference she would attend in October in San Jose CA and at that time she would go to the City Of San Jose to see the software in action.

## 12. GreenStep/Work Session With City Council

The commission discussed the work session with the City Council on July 6, 2010. They discussed some minor changes to the GreenStep draft.

There was a discussion about the bike trail.

**Commissioner Risser made a motion to write a letter to the Edina City Council in support of the Three Rivers Bike Trail. Commissioner Tucker seconded. Motion carried.**

The Commission discussed Minnesota Windsource PowerPoint by Excel Energy. They discussed having the PowerPoint demonstration in August. They tentatively scheduled the PowerPoint at the August EEC meeting.

Commissioner Latham gave an update on the Art Recycling Container Task Force.

## 13. Pinstripes Outdoor Fireplace Recommendation

Chair Latham gave an update on the recent City Council meeting and said Pinstripes issues were remanded to the Planning Commission. There was a question as to whether Council only referred the outside amplified system item back to the Planning Commission whether the outdoor fireplace issue was also remanded to the Planning Commission.

There was a discussion about a letter that Chair Latham sent to the Planning Commission regarding Pinstripes and outdoor fireplaces. Chair Latham will inform Planning Commission's Chair Fischer that the letter sent to the Planning Commission regarding outdoor fireplaces was not approved by the EEC but it was Commissioner Latham's personal opinion based on data obtained from the Air and Water Quality Working Group regarding wood smoke.

**Commissioner Iyer made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Thompson seconded. Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next meeting will be the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. August 12, 2010 at Edina City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Timm, Deputy City Clerk