

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Energy and Environment Commission  
Edina City Hall Community Room  
Thursday, August 12, 2010, 7:00 P.M.**

**Members In Attendance and Roll Call:** Dianne Plunkett Latham, Michael Platteter, Paul Thompson, Surya Iyer, Susan Tucker, Bob Gubrud, M. Germana Paterlini, Karwehn Kata, Alma Pronove

**Absent:** Bill Sierks, Julie Risser

**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 additions – 3 Rivers Multi Use Trail Recommendation and use of Graduate Students as interns.

**3. Approval of July 8 minutes**

The July 8, 2010 minutes were unanimously approved.

**4. Community Comment**

None

**5. Chair Report**

Chair Latham introduced the new student commissioners Alma Pronove and Karwehn Kata. They each introduced themselves with some background information.

Chair Latham asked for approval of new Working Group members.

**Commissioner Tucker made a motion to approve Nina Holiday-Lynch, Jon Moon and Bill Johnson to the Air and Water Quality Working Group, and Gary Wahman and John Spanhake to the Alternative Energy Working Group. Commissioner Thompson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

**6. Policy and Project Report**

Commissioner Platteter made the requested changes to the “Edina Energy and Environment Commission Endorsement Policy”. The commission discussed the draft policy.

**Commissioner Paterlini made a motion to remove “clearly opinionated” from the Endorsement Policy. There was no second. Motion failed.**

**The Commission adopted the “Edina Energy and Environment Commission Endorsement Policy” with one change. The change was the word slanderous to libelous.**

There was a discussion on a letter to the City Council regarding the 3 Rivers Multi Use Trail. After discussion and some minor changes there was a motion to approve. Chair Latham asked the commission if the letter could be also published in the Sun Current.

**Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the slightly modified 3 Rivers Multi Use Trail letter to be submitted to the Edina City Council. Commissioner Iyer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Commissioner Thompson gave an update on the distribution plan of Door Hangers. The goal is to get the residents to the workshop in Morningside on August 24, 2010.

## **8. Residential Energy Project**

The main goal of the project at this time is the August 24, 2010 Workshop at Weber Park. The next time they would promote the project would be October 9, 2010 at Edina's Day of Service.

## **9. Recycling and Solid Waste Report**

Chair Latham asked the Commission to approve the letter to Edina City Council regarding residential compost. The MPCA would like to amend the rules governing compost facilities. The commissioners made a decision to remove the hauler names and submit to Council.

**Commissioner Platteter made a motion to remove all hauler names in the response letter to the MPCA and forward the letter to the Edina City Council for approval. Commissioner Iyer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chair Latham gave an update on the Art Recycling Containers.

Chair Latham went over the revised Best Practice #22 Solid Waste.

## **10. Air & Water Quality Working Group Report**

Commissioner Tucker gave an update regarding the NEMO 7-14-2010 workshop on Lake Minnetonka. The next NEMO workshop was scheduled for November 8, 2010 with Edina City Council, Planning Commission, Energy and Environment Commission, and Park Board.

Commissioner Tucker gave a quick update on the small revisions to Best Practice #17 Stormwater and Best Practice #19 Surface Water.

## **11. Alternative Energy Working Group**

Commissioner Iyer gave an update regarding the solar grant that was submitted to the State of MN.

## **12. Staff Report**

Heather Worthington scheduled the Hara software demonstration for the September 2010 EEC meeting.

## **13. GreenStep**

Chair Latham gave an update on the Mobility Options Best Practice #12. This step would be delegated to the Transportation Commission and the Bike Edina Task Force.

There was a revision to the Urban Forest Step #16.

## **14. Policy on Community Input Letters**

There was a discussion about all resident letters sent to commissioners. It was decided that if the resident wanted to send an official letter, it would need to be addressed to the Commission and if it is addressed to an individual commissioner they would ask the resident if they wanted it to be forwarded to a Working Group or the Commission.

## **15. Future Meetings**

Commissioner Platteter asked if there was anything for need for the services of graduate intern students for the fall semester. It was suggested that this be forwarded to the Policy and Project Working Group.

Commissioner Tucker asked to have EEC priorities put on the agenda for next month.

There was a reminder that the November meeting would be moved to November 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Thompson asked the Commission if they wanted the City of Edina to send a representative to the Sept 24 – 26 Local Action Summit (LAS) in Washington DC. He will get clarification as to what role LAS would like the City to participate in the conference.

**Commissioner Paterlini 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. September 9, 2010 at Edina City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Timm, Deputy City Clerk