

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Energy and Environment Commission
Edina City Hall Community Room
Thursday, November 18, 2010, 7 P.M.**

Members In Attendance and Roll Call: Dianne Plunkett Latham, Michael Platteter, Bill Sierks, Julie Risser (arrived 7:40), Susan Tucker, Bob Gubrud, M. Germana Paterlini, Surya Iyer, Karwehn Kata

Absent: Alma Pronove, Paul Thompson

Staff Present: Jane Timm

Welcome

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

1. Approval of Agenda and Topic Time Allocation

The agenda was approved as written.

2. Approval of October 14, minutes

The October 14, 2010 minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Community Comment - None

4. Chair Report

Chair Latham gave an update on the 3 Rivers Region Trail. Chair Latham reminded the Commission that Commissioner Platteter would represent the EEC at the City Council meeting December 7, 2010.

Chair Latham asked that everyone read the City of Edina Media Policy forwarded by Jennifer Bennerotte.

5. Hara Software

Commissioner Paterlini gave an update on the cost of the Hara software. The company called and needed an update but Commissioner Paterlini informed them that a decision could not be made at this time. Commissioner Paterlini explained the fees required to start the software product in the City of Edina. Commissioner Paterlini will send City Manager, Scott Neal the information.

Commissioner Paterlini gave an update on the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP). City of Edina was invited to do the CDP questionnaire. They discussed doing the questionnaire.

Commissioner Paterlini made a motion for EEC on behalf of the City of Edina to participate in the next stage of the Carbon Disclosure Project by completing the questionnaire at no cost to the City of Edina. Commissioner Gubrud seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6. GreenStep Cities

Chair Latham gave an update on when the GreenStep Cities would go before the City Council. Commissioner Platteter suggested it go to council after the new council member was seated. Chair Latham asked Secretary Timm to relay the request to Scott Neal. Chair Latham would talk to Scott Neal and Mayor Hovland about how much time she would be allowed at the council meeting. Chair Latham will send out a draft of the handout that will go to council members.

7. New Members

There was a discussion about new interested members. New members Allen Glotzman and Scott Weicht would be notified about the Education and Outreach Working Group. Commissioner Gubrud will contact them.

Commissioner Gubrud made a motion to approve Todd Willmert and John Holland to the Education and Outreach Working Group. Commissioner Paterlini seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Xcel Energy Assessment Program

Commissioner Platteter gave an update on having assessments done on the largest city buildings. The cost is \$200 to \$300 per building. He would discuss this with City Manager Neal.

9. Budget

Commissioner Paterlini separated the EEC budget from the GreenStep budget. There was a discussion and some updates were given to Commissioner Paterlini.

10. Turf Management Task Force

Commissioner Paterlini gave an update. She explained that Vince Cockriel needs to send her a report on what chemicals were used in his organic spraying program. Commissioner Paterlini will send red-lined policy to commissioners by email when updated.

11. Alternative Energy Working Group

Commissioner Iyer gave an update of their meeting. They put together a windsource resolution recommending the City of Edina replace 15% of electricity using windsource. The working group is also working on developing an ordinance modeling an ordinance developed by the City of Naperville, IL.

Commissioner Sierks applied for a renewable energy grant to put up solar panel. The value is \$200,000. The city would be required to pay \$25,000 to \$30,000. The City Council would have to approve before going out for bid. Commissioner Sierks worked with Eric Roggeman, Assistant Finance Director.

12. Air and Water Quality Working Group

Commissioner Tucker gave an update of the NEMO Workshop. The next step regarding storm water is to talk to Wayne Houle and get some City of Edina guidance.

13. Recycling and Solid Waste Working Group Report

Chair Latham went over GreenStep, best practice #22, Managing Solid Waste revisions.

Commissioner Gubrud made a motion to approve the revised best practice #22, Managing Solid Waste. Commissioner Sierks seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Residential Energy Project

Commissioner Platteter informed the commissioners about the Residential Energy Project mailer that was sent out to zip code 55436.

15. Education and Outreach Working Group Report.

Commissioner Gubrud gave an update on high value and high do-ability projects. The working group agreed the Residential Energy Project was the best project. The working group would like to plan an educational public event. Commissioner Gubrud wanted to plant the seed with commissioners about a 2011 event.

16. Chair Latham asked that they discuss the website at the next meeting. Commissioner Sierks asked that Jennifer supply information on the traffic of the EEC website.

The Commission discussed not having a dual commissioner (Planning and EEC).

Commissioner Risser made a motion to request City Council to remove the Planning/EEC dual commissioner and retain Energy and Environment Commissioner only. Commissioner Gubrud seconded.

Roll Call was taken:

Ayes: Paterlini, Latham, Risser, Gubrud, Sierks, Tucker, Iyer,

Nays: Platteter

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Platteter made a motion to cancel the December EEC meeting. Commissioner Iyer seconded. Motion carried.

17. Future Meetings

Commissioner Paterlini made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sierks seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. The next meeting will be the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. January 13, 2011, at Edina City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Timm, Deputy City Clerk