

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Energy and Environment Commission
Edina City Hall Community Room
Thursday, February 10, 2011, 7 P.M.**

Members In Attendance and Roll Call: Dianne Plunkett Latham, Sarah Zarrin, Bill Sierks, Paul Thompson, Susan Tucker, Bob Gubrud, M. Germana Paterlini, Surya Iyer, Karwehn Kata

Absent: Alma Pronove, Julie Risser

Staff Present: Jane Timm, Jesse Struve, Scott Neal

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 with changes to the order of items and the addition of May Term Intern and elections.

3. Approval of January 13, minutes

The January 13, 2011 minutes were unanimously approved with minor changes.

4. Community Comment

Chair Latham welcomed resident Keith Kostuch, 4511 Lakeview Drive and Working Group member John Howard.

Michael Platteter (now on the Planning Commission) returned some items and thanked the commission. The commissioners thanked him for his hard work.

5. Chair Report

Chair Latham introduced Commissioner Sarah Zarrin.

The commission discussed working group members.

Commissioner Tucker made a motion to remove Eric Kilberg from the Air Quality Working Group because he could not attend meetings. Commissioner Gubrud seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Iyer made a motion to add John Howard to the Alternative Energy Working Group. Commissioner Sierks seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Paterlini made a motion to add Keith Kostuch to the Purchasing Working Group. Commissioner Iyer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

It was announced that Commissioner Zarrin would join the Recycling & Solid Waste Working Group.

6. GreenStep Cities Report

There was a discussion about the GreenStep Cities resolution. Chair Latham told the commission that the resolution would be forwarded to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and Edina would be listed as a GreenStep City. Chair Latham was instructed to change B3 to CDP then forward to Commissioner Paterlini for her approval. The resolution would then be forwarded to the City Clerk, Debra Mangen before going to the MPCA.

Commissioner Iyer made a motion to approve the GreenStep Cities Resolution with some minor changes. Commissioner Thompson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Alternative Energy Working Group Report

There was a discussion about changing the name of the working group.

Commissioner Sierks made a motion to change Alternative Energy Working Group to Energy Working Group. Commissioner Tucker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Iyer gave the commission an update on a Renewable Energy Ordinance.

Commissioners Sierks and Iyer asked the EEC for permission to work on the ordinance with Edina Staff and the Planning Commission Chair. After that time there would be a decision on whether a Task Force was needed.

Commissioner Iyer made a motion for the Energy Working Group to work with City Staff and Planning Commission to look at the proposed draft of the Renewable Energy Ordinance. Commissioner Gubrud seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Staff Liaison, Jesse Struve, Engineering Department was introduced to the commission.

8. Presentation of 20/40/15 Program

City Manager, Scott Neal presented Eden Prairie's Report done by the McKinstry Co.

9. Budget

No Report.

10. Turf Management Task Force

No Report.

11. Water Quality Working Group Report

There was a discussion about the February 7, 2011 Nemo Workshop. Commissioner Tucker discussed setting up an appointment with city staff to talk about Water Quality in Edina.

12. Energy Working Group

No Report.

13. Recycling and Solid Waste Working Group

Chair Latham told the commission about a plan for Hennepin County Environmental Services to speak at their next working group meeting.

14. Residential Energy Project – Home Energy Squad (HES)

Commissioner Thompson told the commission that the HES project would be moved from Creek Valley School to Highlands School for parental participation.

15. Education and Outreach Working Group

Commissioner Thompson talked about his presentation at the Senior Center called Smart Energy Project, March 10, 2011.

Commissioner Thompson would like the EEC to back Earth Hour with a proclamation from the City Council. Commissioner Thompson would contact City Clerk, Debra Mangen for the procedure.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to have a proclamation prepared for the March 1, 2011 City Council meeting proclaiming March 26, 2011, from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Earth Hour. Commissioner Gubrud seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Air Quality Working Group Report

Chair Latham talked about a letter to the Sun Current from the Air Quality Working Group. It was decided revision were needed.

17. Miscellaneous Items

Chair Latham talked about putting an article in the Sun Current asking for volunteers for the working groups.

Commissioner Sierks gave the commission information about a May intern student. He explained it was a 3 week period and the student would work about 5-6 hours a day. It would require a hands-on commissioner. The intern must have a specific project. Commissioner Zarrin Mohtadi volunteered to supervise a recycling study. Chair Latham volunteered to supervise a noxious weed abatement study. Chair Latham will forward a description of the two studies to the Edina High School May Term Coordinator.

Chair Latham reminded the commissioners about the Board and Commission Annual Meeting, March 21, 2011 at Braemar Golf Course. The RSVP must be received by Susan Howl by March 11.

18. Elections

Commissioner Thompson nominated Chair Latham to continue as Chairperson of the EEC. The commission agreed unanimously.

Commissioner Paterlini explained that she would like someone to volunteer to move up to the Vice Chair position. At this time no one stepped up and she said she would continue until someone else came forward. The commission agreed unanimously.

19. EEC Website Task Force

No report.

20. Adjournment

Commissioner Gubrud made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Thompson seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The next meeting will be the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. March 10, 2011 at Edina City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Timm, Deputy City Clerk