

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT CITY HALL
June 9, 2011
7:05 P.M.

- I. **Call to Order** Chair Latham called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call** Answering roll call were Members Gubrud, Iyer, Kata, Kostuch, Paterlini, Pronove, Sierks, Thompson, Zarrin, and Chair Latham.
Absent: Members Risser and Tucker
Staff Present: Jane Timm and Jesse Struve
- III. **Approval of Meeting Agenda** Agenda was approved as written.
- IV. **Adoption of Consent Agenda. Motion made by Member Thompson and seconded by Member Gubrud approving the consent agenda.**
- V. **Community Comment.** No one appeared for comment. Resident David Vandongen, address unknown, was there to observe.
- VI. **Report/Recommendations**
- A. **Working Group Members. Motion made by Member Gubrud and seconded by Member Paterlini to approve Todd Doroff, Laura Eaton, and Robert Skrentner to the Water Quality Working Group and delete Ryan Wilson from the group. Motion carried unanimously.**
- B. **City Website.** Member Paterlini gave the Commission an update about her participation on the Website Group with Jennifer Bennerotte. Member Paterlini sent some ideas to Ms. Bennerotte on behalf of the EEC. They have not met as a group yet.
- C. **Recycling & Solid Waste Working Group.** Chair Latham reported that the Recycling and Solid Waste Working Group did not meet in May.
1. The working group will be attending the St Paul District Roof Top Solar Installation Tour on June 23, 2011.
 2. There was a discussion about the proposed amendment to proposed Section 1300.09 of the Edina City Code to require the reporting of commercial Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) as well as residential MSW.
- Motion made by Member Zarrin and seconded by Member Thompson to remove the word "residential" from the Edina proposed ordinance Section 1300.09, Collection and Disposal of Refuse and Recyclables. Motion carried unanimously.**
- D. **Eco Tour.** Chair Latham gave an update on EEC's 7-31-11 Eco Yard and Garden Tour and asked the commissioners to recruit working group members to sign up to volunteer that day.
- E. **Education and Outreach Working Group.** Member Thompson reported for the Education and Outreach Working Group. He gave an update on the survey to be given to the Edina School District Principals.

There was a discussion about the best and fastest way to get articles published in the Sun Current. Staff Liaison Struve will check with Jennifer Bennerotte to see what articles regarding energy savings have been written on the Public Works building and what articles could still be written.

Member Pronove gave an update on a hydration system (drinking fountain and fill up station) they are collecting money (fund raising) to have installed at the high school.

F. *Water Quality Working Group.* Chair Latham gave an update on the Water Quality Working Group in the absence of Member Tucker.

1. There was a discussion about the proposed Coal Tar Sealer Ordinance. The commission reviewed the proposed ordinance. There were many questions about how and why the ordinance came to be. It was decided to table discussion and approval until next month when Member Tucker would be available.

Motion made by Member Kostuch and seconded by Member Gubrud to table the proposed Coal Tar Sealer Ordinance approval until July 2011 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

2. There was a discussion about the Bluestar Certification website. Mr. Struve will contact the website to see if there is a read-only access otherwise he will print the information, scan the information and send it out to commissioners.

3. Chair Latham gave an update on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System presentation. Mr. Struve will give the presentation to the Water Quality Working Group in the future.

G. *Procurement.* Member Kostuch updated the commission regarding his meeting with staff. He informed the members that a Purchasing Committee had been established and the Purchasing Committee would be reviewing the policy.

H. *Energy Working Group.*

1. Mr. Struve gave an update on the solar RFP. He stated that McKinstry Company had toured several city buildings. The Energy Working Group was concerned that it had not been involved in the RFP and this was a concern of the working group. Member Iyer stated he believed they would be involved in the RFP as it progressed.

2. Member Iyer reviewed the Solar/Wind Ordinance amendments. The draft would go to City Staff by end of July for review, then on to the Planning Commission.

3. There was a discussion about GreenStep Certification requirements. Mr. Brad Hansen gave the members an explanation of the PACE Commercial Energy District. Mr. Struve will contact Finance Director Wallin to set up a meeting to investigate the process of establishing a PACE Commercial Energy District.

Motion made by Member Iyer and seconded by Member Sierks to ask the City of Edina to investigate establishing a PACE Commercial Energy District in Edina. Motion carried unanimously.

I. *Air Quality Working Group.* No Report.

J. *EEC Website.* There was no report.

K. *GreenStep Cities Plan.* Chair Latham will update the GreenStep Cities Plan and present at the next meeting.

L. *Turf Management Task Force.* Turf Management Task Force Member Paterlini gave an update. There was a discussion about a no spray policy in some playgrounds and to have them posted "For Your Health No Spraying." This document was from 1994. Member Paterlini has looked at new signs. Member Paterlini would like to find funding for the signs. It was noted that some areas were

being sprayed with more chemicals than required given that these areas were classified for higher weed tolerance.

Motion made by Member Paterlini and seconded by Member Thompson to restore the Turf Management document with the initial intent not to spray the areas designated “No Spray” and only allow authorities to spray with organics. Motion carried unanimously.

M. City Council and EEC Work Session.

There was a discussion about when EEC would be with City Council at a Work Session. Chair Latham will find the first available time. There was a discussion about possible topics to discuss with City Council. Chair Latham will update the agenda and have it in the packet for the July 2011 EEC meeting.

VII. Correspondence and Petitions

VIII. Chair and Commission Member Comments

A. **Vice Chair appointment.** No decision was made.

IX. Staff Comments.

A. Mr. Struve updates.

1. Mr. Struve gave an update on the City Survey.
2. Chair Latham told the members that the total remaining EEC budget is \$8600.00 and asked the members to bring a list of potential purchases to the next meeting. The purchases must be completed by December 31, 2011.
3. ULI benchmark progress report. No update.
4. Compostable Bags. No report.
5. Commission Badges. Member Gubrud will get the a new on when the new branding is completed.

There was a discussion about starting the meeting earlier and shortening the agenda. No decision was made.

There being no further business on the Commission Agenda, Chair Latham declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M Timm
Deputy City Clerk