

MINUTES
CITY OF EDINA MINNESOTA
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
EDINA CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
Thurs., Aug 11, 2011
7:07 PM

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Latham called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** Answering roll call were Members Iyer, Kata, Kostuch, Paterlini, Pronove, Risser, Sierks, Thompson, Tucker and Chair Latham.
 - Absent: Members Gubrud and Zarrin
 - Staff Present: Jesse Struve and Rebecca Foster
- III. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA** Agenda was approved as written.
- IV. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion made by Member Kostuch approving the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

V. COMMUNITY COMMENT

Nick Kelso, 1465 Harvest Ln, Shakopee, Jet Black Owner, not in favor of the coal tar banning ordinance, because the asphalt replacement doesn't last as long.

Don Dahlstrom, 627 Carverlust Pkwy, Carver, Jet Black Owner, not in favor of the coal tar banning ordinance, because he'll loose business.

Matt Cabrera, 14021 NW Azurite St, Ramsey, Advance Brothers, not in favor of the coal tar banning ordinance.

VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Working Group members. **Water Quality Working Group Chair Tucker requested that Todd Doroff be deleted from the Water Quality Working Group. Motion made by Member Risser and seconded by Member Thompson to approve Ray O'Connell to the Air Quality Working Group and delete Todd Doroff from the Water Quality Working Group. Motion carried unanimously.** Chair Latham thanked Mr. Doroff for his service.
- B. Water Quality WG
 - 1. Proposed Coal Tar ordinance. This agenda item has been tabled to the September 8th meeting in order to receive more studies about coal tar effects from the members of the industry that spoke during public comment. Jesse Struve will ask City staff how the banning of coal tar within chip seal has affected the city streets.
 - 2. Blue Star Municipal Stormwater Mgmt Assessment. Water Quality Working Group will review the questions where the city is scoring low.
- C. Recycling & Solid Waste WG. EEC Members have been invited to tour a Portable Biodigester on Tuesday, August 16th.
 - 1. Refuse Report and ordinance. The report has been sent to Haulers for their comments.
 - 2. City-wide facility recycling policy

Motion made by Member Sierks and seconded by Member Thompson for the city to establish a city-wide facility recycling policy stating that only compostable tableware will be used, that bottle water will be reduced, and that organic composting will be implemented. Motion carried unanimously.

- D. 7-31-11 Eco Yard & Garden tour. The event was successful with net proceeds of \$1,058.00 to go towards trees, speaker or education, for example.
- E. Turf Management Task Force. The Park Board and Community Health Commission are currently reviewing the Task Force report. Member Paterlini will contact Vince Cockriel and ask him what medians are sprayed near sidewalks.
- F. Education Outreach Working Group Report. A few Members attended six Nite to Unite parties.

Motion made by Member Thompson and seconded by Member Tucker to approve the EEC to become a community partner with Moving Planet on Saturday, September 24th. Motion carried unanimously.

- 1. October educational program

Motion made by Member Tucker and seconded by Member Paterlini requesting Member Thompson and Member Zarrin to create a proposal for an event that the EEC will sponsor about Sustainability in October. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Public Works native plant landscaping
- 3. Eco Film Festival

Motion made by Member Iyer and seconded by Member Thompson for Chair Latham to contact Tom Shirley at Centennial Lakes to see if there's a cost involved with the EEC to host Eco, Health and Human Rights films during the summer at the Metzold Amphitheater. Motion carried unanimously.

- G. City Website. No Report.
- H. EEC Website. No Report.
- I. GreenStep Cities. Review Comp Plan documentation.
- J. City Council Work Session. The work session will be Tuesday, September 20th at 5:00 P.M. The agenda will be finalized at the September 8th EEC Meeting.
- K. Energy WG
 - 1. Solar panel project. Chair Latham recapped why the EEC declined the previous solar panel bid. The City Manager has addressed all of the EEC concerns and decided to remove all of the other city facility improvements and will just focus on the solar panel and had McKinstry create a new RFP process. McKinstry presented the new bid results.

Motion made by Member Iyer and seconded by Member Sierks to approve the TenK Solar Panel bid results.

Roll Call was taken:

**Ayes: Iyer, Risser, Sierks, Thompson, Latham,
Nays: Kostuch, Paterlini, Tucker**

Motion Carried.

2. Solar/wind ordinance amendments Task Force. No Report.
3. PACE commercial energy district. The Report and Recommendation will be on the August 16th Council Agenda and if approved city staff will develop a local PACE program proposal and then it will be presented to the EEC for their review and comment and then back to the City Council for their final review and consideration.

Public Comment.

Brad Hanson, 5908 Chapel Dr., Edina, in favor of third party bonding.

Lynn Hinkle, Mpls, in favor of third party bonding due to great economic development.

John Doll, address unknown, said no other city has implemented PACE and he would like Edina to be a leader.

L. Air Quality WG

1. Drive Through Ordinance Amendments.

Motion made by Member Paterlini and seconded by Member Tucker approving Drive Through Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

2. No Engine Idling Signs. Recommended that the No Idling signs will be hung on existing Smoke Free or future No Spray sign posts within city parks.

Motion made by Member Iyer and seconded by Member Tucker approving the "Turn Off Your Engine Breathe Better Save Money" sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Member Iyer and seconded by Member Tucker approving the proposal for No Vehicle Idling Signs in Municipal Parks and Other Public Spaces. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Clean Air Act. The Clean Air and Your Health: The Power of EPA Actions and Federal Legislation Forum held August 10th at Edina Public Works was successful with approximately 50 in attendance.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS

VIII. CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Conflict of Interest Policy. Chair Latham reminded members about the conflict of interest policy for their Working Group members.

IX. STAFF COMMENTS

A. Jesse Struve

1. EEC budget. No Report.
2. ULI benchmark progress report. Member Paterlini requested to hear more about report, so Chair Latham suggested to move out of staff report onto Agenda for Sept. 8 meeting.
3. Green Corps Intern. Member Sierks said that the Green Step Program did get funded for three years and money could possibly be used for an intern.

Member Thompson thanked Member Kata for service on EEC. Member Kata will begin at Harvard in the fall. The work of student Member Pronove was also appreciated this past year.

There being no further business on the Commission Agenda, Chair Latham declared the meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Foster
GIS Administrator