

MINUTES
CITY OF EDINA MINNESOTA
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
EDINA CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
Thurs., Nov. 10, 2011
7:00 PM

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Latham called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** Answering Roll Call was Members Gubrud, Gupta, Jennings, Kostuch, Risser, Sierks, Thompson, Tucker, and Chair Latham.
 - Late Arrival: Iyer and Zarrin
 - Absent: Paterlini
 - Staff Present: Jesse Struve and Rebecca Foster
- III. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA** Agenda was approved as written.
- IV. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA** Agenda was approved as written.
- V. **COMMUNITY COMMENT**
- VI. **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**
 - A. Working Group. Commissioner Paterlini is joining the Energy Working Group. Perspective Member Susan Danzl was removed as a prospective member from the Water Quality Working Group.
 - B. B3 data update. On November 10th Sarah Steinman was approved as the new intern to assist Jesse Struve with entering Edina's B3 data.
 - C. Energy WG
 - 1. Solar panel project. Jesse Struve gave an update on the installation process with the Building Department.
 - 2. Solar/wind ordinance amendments task force. Chair Latham reviewed comments received from Planning Director Cary Teague. The Planning Commission will review the ordinance prior to it being reviewed at a future City Council work session.
 - 3. PACE commercial energy district. City Manager Scott Neal, Lynn Hinkle and Brad Hanson gave an update on the progress of PACE also known as the Edina Emerald Energy Program (EEEP).

Motion made by Member Sierks and seconded by Member Tucker to approve the EEEP Resolution and support the EEEP Program Report and Administrative Guidelines that was distributed on November 9th to EEC Members.

Roll Call was taken:

Ayes: Gubrud, Iyer, Risser, Sierks, Thompson, Tucker, Zarrin, Latham

Abstain: Kostuch

Absent: Paterlini

Motion Carried

PACE will be presented at the November 15th City Council Meeting.

- D. Purchasing Report. Commissioner Kostuch met with City staff and gave an update on the draft purchasing policy. The City Council will review the policy at their next work session.

- E. Air Quality WG Report. Chair Latham requested the work group to design where they would like to have the No Idling Signs installed at schools and only at Parks where there is known idling. The Edina Transportation Commission will need to review the proposed placement of signs. The City Council will review the purchasing and sign install during a future work session.
 - 1. Centrum. The conversion of the three wood burning fire places to gas at the Centrum will be presented at the November 15th City Council meeting.
 - 2. Drive Through City Code. The Planning Commission will review the ordinance at their December meeting.
- F. Recycling & Solid Waste WG
 - 1. Refuse Report and ordinance. The first reading of the ordinance will occur at the November 15th City Council meeting.
 - 2. City park recycling bin. The Park Board will review the EEC recommendation at their December 13th meeting.
- G. Turf Management Task Force. The Park Board will review the EEC recommendation at their December 13th meeting.
- H. Education Outreach WG. Commissioner Gubrud thanked everyone who participated in the Edina Day of Service.
 - 1. Educational Program. Dr. Jonathan Foley from UMN will speak on April 19th at EHS auditorium. The EOWG to provide more details at the 1-12-12 EEC meeting.
 - 2. Project Earth. Commissioner Jennings gave an update about the removal of Buckthorn at the High School.
 - 3. Eco Film Festival. Chair Latham gave an update on how films are scheduled and staffed at the Metzold Amphitheater during the summer. Chair Latham will ask Tom Shirley about showing one or two environmental films on Thursdays during the summer. The EEC will continue to support the movie series at the Hennepin County Southdale Library that John Howard and Paul Thompson coordinate.
- I. Water Quality WG
 - 1. Coal Tar ordinance. The first reading of the ordinance will occur at the November 15th City Council meeting.
- J. City Website. The City will be redesigning their website.
- K. EEC Website. The topic was tabled.

VII. **CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS**

VIII. **CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

- 1. Commission process discussion. Commissioner Iyer lead a discussion on how the process of topics should be brought through each work group and then to the Commission for approval.

Chair Latham gave an update about the Grand View Small Area Plan.

Chair Latham reviewed the definition of term limits for a Commissioner.

Chair Latham reviewed the Commissioner's attendance requirements.

Commissioner Thompson promoted Alliance for Sustainability on November 15th at Roseville.

IX. **STAFF COMMENTS**

- A. Jesse Struve. Sherry Engleman and Solvei Wilmot requested the Recycling & Solid Waste Working Group to hold a December meeting to review single sort recycling.
 - 1. EEC Budget. Jesse Struve reported that as of 11-10-11 the remaining balance is \$1500. Chair Latham requested that all commissioners submit any outstanding 2011 bills. Jesse Struve has been directed to

prepay the ICLEI fee of \$600 if there remains a surplus in the budget by December 15th. After ICLEI and staff time there'll be \$878 remaining.

The December 8th Energy and Environment Commission meeting has been cancelled.

There being no further business on the Commission Agenda, Chair Latham declared the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Motion made by Member Iyer and seconded by Member Gubrud to adjourn meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Foster
GIS Administrator