

MINUTES
CITY OF EDINA MINNESOTA
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
EDINA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Thurs., Jan. 12, 2012
7:00 PM

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Latham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** Answering Roll Call was Members Gubrud, Iyer, Jennings, Kostuch, Paterlini , Risser, Sierks, Thompson, Tucker, Zarrin and Chair Latham.

Absent: Gupta

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**

Bill Glahn, 6634 Normandale Rd, asked the Commission to focus on Best Practices that would bring our community together in 2012 and not controversial practices such as garbage hauling, wood burning and complete streets.

VI. **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- A. Working Group Members. Chair Latham thanked Member Tucker for her service on the EEC.

Motion made by Chair Latham and seconded by Member Thompson to have Member Risser Chair the Water Quality Working Group due to Member Tucker leaving the Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Working Group Minutes. Minutes was approved as written.
- C. Green Step Cities Report. Chair Latham gave an overview of the Green Step Cities program and each Commissioner gave an update on the following Best Practices.

BP #24 Benchmarks and Community Involvement

Step #1 - Rick Carter, consultant at LHB Inc gave the Regional Indicators Report which compared Edina, Falcon Heights and St. Louis Park

Step #2 – Germana Paterlini reported on the Carbon Disclosure Project

BP #1 Efficient Existing Public Buildings

Step #1 – Jesse Struve reported on the B3 data base

Step #2 – Jesse Struve reported on the Guaranteed Energy Savings program

Step #7 – Jesse Struve reported on the geothermal system at the Public Works Building

BP #2 Efficient Existing Private Buildings

Step #1 – Bob Gubrud reported on the Home Energy Squad

Step #5 – Susan Tucker reported on conserving ground and drinking water resources

BP #6 Comprehensive Plan – Steps 1 & 2 - Julie Risser reported

BP #11 Complete Streets - Steps #1, #4 and #6 – Paul Thompson reported

BP #12 Mobility Options - Steps #1 and #2 – Paul Thompson reported

BP #15 Purchasing - Steps #1 and #4 - Keith Kostuch reported

Motion made by Member Iyer and seconded by Member Kostuch to approve the Purchasing Policy as written. Motion carried unanimously.

BP #16 Urban Forest - Steps #1 and #4 – Dianne Plunkett Latham reported

BP #17 Efficient Stormwater Management - Steps #1 and #5 – Susan Tucker reported on Edina’s successful Blue Star City certification and Edina’s coal tar sealant ban

BP # 18 Parks & Trails

Step #5 – Germana Paterlini reported in organic pest management

Motion made by Member Sierks and seconded by Member Gubrud to approve the Turf Management Plan as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Step #5 – Dianne Plunkett Latham reported on non-potable water use for irrigation.

Step #7 - Dianne Plukett Latham reported on Audubon sanctuary certification

Step #8 – Dianne Plunkett Latham reported on land stewardship through buckthorn abatement

BP #19 Surface Water Quality - Steps #3 and #4 – Susan Tucker reported

BP #22 Solid Waste Reduction - Steps #2, #5, and #6 – Dianne Plunkett Latham reported

Motion made by Chair Latham and seconded by Member Gubrud to set up a Park Recycling Bin Task Force comprised of Vince Cockriel, Tom Shirley, Tom Swenson, Michelle Horan, Melissa Seeley and chaired by Dianne Plunkett Latham. Motion carried unanimously.

BP #23 Local Air Quality - Steps #1, #2 and #3 – Julie Risser reported

BP #24 Benchmarks and Community Involvement

Step #1 – Sarah Zarrin reported on the EOWG’s proposed 4-19-12 educational program

Step #4 – Bob Gubrud reported on the EOWG’s other activities

Motion made by Member Risser and seconded by Member Thompson to approve the April 19th, 2012 The Environment, Economy and Food Supply from Global to Local Forum. Member Gubrud Abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

BP #25 Green Business Development

Step #2 – Sarah Zarrin reported on connecting businesses with recycling assistance providers

Step #4 – Dianne Plunkett Latham reported on utilization of local waste products

BP #26 Renewable Energy

Step #1 – Surya Iyer reported on the progress of a local ordinance for wind and solar energy standards

Step #3 – Bill Sierks reported on the EEEP (PACE) program

Step #5 - Bill Sierks reported on the new solar panels for City Hall

Bevlin Jennings reported on the activities of Edina High School’s Project Earth

D. Council Requests Advice on taking one of two actions:

1. Pursuing unilateral negotiations with the current recycling vendor for services after 12/31/12, or
2. Pursuing a formal RFP for recycling services after 12/31/12

Motion made by Member Sierks and seconded by Member Zarrin to pursue a formal RFP for recycling services after 12/31/12. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. **CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS**

VIII. **CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

1. Bylaw Revision Committee. Chair Latham gave an update on the Bylaw Revisions for City Commissions.

IX. **STAFF COMMENTS**

A. Jesse Struve

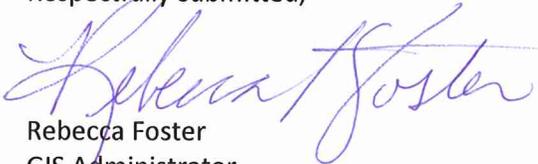
1. EEC Budget. The Commission spent \$8,345.72 of their allotted \$10,000 budget in 2011. Mr. Struve requested all outstanding reimbursement for 2011 to be submitted to him by the end of January. Mr. Struve announced that another \$10,000 has been allotted for the Commission's 2012 budget.

Chair Latham offered Commissioner Risser the opportunity to attend a Water Quality Workshop at the Arboretum per her new position as Chair of the Water Quality Working Group.

Motion made by Member Iyer and seconded by Member Gubrud to approve \$125 for Commissioner Risser to attend the Arboretum Workshop. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business on the Commission Agenda, Chair Latham declared the meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Foster
GIS Administrator