

**MINUTES
CITY OF EDINA MINNESOTA
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
EDINA CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
Thurs., August 9, 2012
7:07 PM**

- I. CALL TO ORDER 7:07p.m.**
- II. ROLL CALL** Answering Roll Call was Heer, Kostuch, Risser, Thompson, and Chair Sierks
 - Late Arrival: Latham
 - Absent: Gubrud, Rudnicki, and Zarrin
 - Staff Present: Ross Bintner, Karen Kurt and Rebecca Foster
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Motion made by Member Kostuch and seconded by Member Thompson to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

- IV. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Minutes. No edits needed.
 - B. Attendance report and roster. No Report.
 - C. Workgroup list and minutes. Member Risser requested that Julie Mellum be deleted from the Air Quality Working Group and Nina Holiday-Lynch be deleted from the Water Quality Working Group.

Motion made by Member Kostuch and seconded by Member Thompson to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

- V. COMMUNITY COMMENT.** No Comments.

- VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- A. Work Plan Development
 - 1. Description of process and ranking results. Mr. Bintner gave an update on the Work Plan survey ranking results. The Commissioners refined their votes into goals.
 - 2. Validate top tier ideas.
 - 3. Transform top tier ideas into workplan goals.
 - a. Evaluate EEC and Staff workload
 - 4. Review additional ideas for inclusion in workplan.
 - 5. Ongoing responsibilities of commission in workplan.
- B. Recycling & Solid Waste WG
 - 1. Chair update. Member Latham gave an update that the Recycling RFP was passed by City Council on Monday, August 6th. The RSW WG toured the Mdewankanton Sioux composting site on August 8th. Next month, the RSW WG will visit the Paper Recycling at Rock Tenn. Member Latham decided to put the environmental metric creation on hold since it'll be five years before the next recycling contract is needed in order to concentrate on the Urban Forest Task Force.

Motion made by Member Sierks and seconded by Member Heer to thank the support staff, in partiality Solvei, for all of her time and effort, and as well as the RSW WG for all of their effort they had working on the RFP and for getting the people of Edina such a great result. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Air and Water Quality WG

1. Chair update. Member Risser said that working group members voiced their frustration on their water bill and said that could be an educational opportunity. Member Risser would like to increase Street Sweeping. Member Risser reminded the EEC about the review of the Wellhead Protection Plan until the end of August. The Drive Through Ordinance will be brought to the September Meeting for approval.

D. Energy WG

1. Chair update. Member Heer said that the July meeting was cancelled.

E. Education Outreach WG

1. Chair update. Member Thompson said that the August meeting was cancelled due to conflict with Nite to Unite. Edina Inner Faith Power and Light Group meet and Edina Community Luther Church is the first group to do the grant with Energene. The working group is still planning on hosting the CERTS Solar Workshop in November. Member Thompson is looking forward to meeting the new student commissioners to continue environmental education in the schools. Cool Planet is sponsoring Bill McKibben in February at various locations for Forums.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS. No Comments.

VIII. CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS. Member Latham requested Commissioners to start solicitation for new EEC Members for Term 2013-14. The applications are due in January.

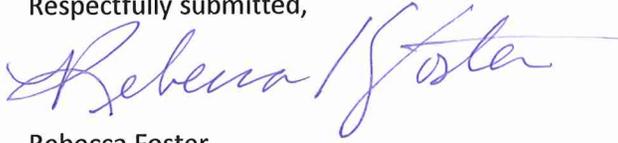
IX. STAFF COMMENTS

- A. No idling signs update. Mrs. Foster gave an overview of the GIS Sign Asset Management program. Member Risser is requesting the No Idling Sign to be moved at Concord Elementary to the parent drop off lot or install a second sign.
- B. Website update. Ms. Kurt said the City is creating a Go Green Edina webpage on the City's website. The City will list all of the environmental information there rather than under the Commission's home page. Karen requested that the Commissioners review the Name Your Neighborhood Maps and submit comments on Speak Up Edina.
- C. Coal Tar Enforcement update. Mr. Bintner said that the results were positive with Coal Tar on a driveway that was sealed in May and Mike Nibbe is reviewing how to enforce the ban now with the City Attorney. The ordinance states the home owner and applicator gets fined, but we might just do the applicator.
- D. Edina Emerald Energy Program update. Mr. Bintner said the City has received its second EEEP applicant which is the Salute Restaurant. They would like to install an energy efficient cooking hood and upgrade to LED lighting within the building.
- E. Sept-December meeting updates: B3, GreenSteps, McKinstry State of MN Guarantee Energy Savings Program? Mr. Bintner asked the Commissioners what their priorities would be for the upcoming meetings. Chair Sierks asked for an overview of the Comp Plan chapter 10. Member Kostuch asked for the Purchasing Plan update.

There being no further business on the Commission Agenda, Chair Sierks declared the meeting adjourned at 9:17p.m.

Motion made by Member Thompson and seconded by Member Kostuch to adjourn meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca Foster". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rebecca Foster
GIS Administrator