



Minutes
City Of Edina, Minnesota
Energy and Environment Commission
Edina City Hall Community Room
Thursday, December 08, 2016, 7:00 PM

I. Call To Order

Chair Zarrin called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

II. Roll Call

Answering Roll Call were Burmeister, Horan, Jackson, Kim, Manser, Seeley, Glahn, and Chair Zarrin.

Late: Madhok

Absent: Kostuch, Satterlee, Waddick,

Staff Present: Liaison Brown, Sulekha Mohamed

III. Approval Of Meeting Agenda

Motion made by Member Burmeister to approve the Meeting Agenda. Motion seconded by Member Manser. Motion carried.

IV. Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Member Manser to approve the November 10, 2016 minutes. Motion seconded by Chair Zarrin. Motion carried.

Member Madhok arrived to the meeting at 7:20pm.

V. Community Comment

- No community comment.

VI. Reports/Recommendation

A. 2017 Work Plan

- Liaison Brown discussed that 2017 work plan went to Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 6.
- The memo from Scott Neal went through the work plan process and key themes that were conducted throughout the 2017 work plans.
 - i. For the Comprehensive Plan, every Commission has a piece to report and the Planning Commissions will provide final recommendations.
 - ii. The first two initiatives on the EEC work plan were added from 2016 work plan.
 - iii. Initiative 9 and 10: Were removed because there is no need to report to Council.
 - iv. Initiative 11: Was moved to City staff plan.

v. January 2017, About Town edition, Mayor Hovland will address sustainability in Edina.

- Initiative 1: Study and Report on To-Go Packaging went to Council at their December 6, 2016 Council meeting. At this meeting, the Mayor requested a staff report and a work session. Liaison Brown has asked for more information from Council on what they need in the staff report. Chair Zarrin asked staff to request this item be removed from EEC's work session with Council since it will take most of the time and EEC members would like to go over other items at the work session. Liaison Brown will work with Staff and Council to find an appropriate time and create a staff report per Mayor's request.

B. PiE Cross Chair Meeting Update

- The members of PiE Residential and Business Working Group, EEC Chair, and Education Working Group Chair met to discuss overlaps between working groups. Two of the overlaps that they discussed were:
 - i. Business such as apartments that would overlap with residents
 - 1. Apartment residents have a lower footprint than individual homeowners. Instead, the primary focus will be houses and single home families.
 - ii. Second is the Annual Forum overlaps with residential PiE initiatives. It was decided to add energy saving and support help for residents and adding some business aspects to The Annual Forum.
 - iii. In accordance with Initiative 8 of the 2017 Work Plan, Member Satterlee confirmed that the Education & Outreach Work Group (EOWG) will move forward with the film series, as a lead-up to the Annual Environmental Forum, and the Residential & Business Energy Work Groups will join the EOWG in planning/executing the Forum in October. Liaison Brown has provided sponsor sheets to receive more sponsors in helping out with the film series events.
 - 1. Liaison Brown has also reached out to someone in the Parks Department who has agreed to lend out a blow up screen to show one of the films in the series at a park.

C. 2017 Comprehensive Plan

- The Comprehensive Plan is laid out every ten years and presented to Council Members
- The Planning Commission is leading the charge and EEC has two volunteers from the Planning Commission (Steve Hobbs and Jimmy Bennett) to support updating Chapter 10 of the Comprehensive Plan.
- The EEC is accountable to review and update Chapter 10, The Energy & Environment, with the new topic of Resiliency. The creation of the resiliency portion will be a partnership with Engineering, Water Recourses, and Health Commission.
 - i. The 9-Mile Creek Watershed, Fresh Water Society, and Barr received a grant to put together a Resiliency workshop. This workshop will consist of three meetings. Liaison Brown recommends at least one to three EEC members to attend and participate. The goals from the workshops are to gain data and help prioritizes risk as well as hazards. The dates are:
 - 1. Climate and Resilience workshop on January 24th at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (open to the public)
 - 2. Tuesday, January 31st from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (EEC members encouraged to attend)
 - 3. Wednesday, February 8th form 4:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. (EEC members encouraged to attend)

- Liaison Brown's recommendation is to review all chapters and see where EEC can add input.

D. 2016 Work Plan Updates

Business Energy Efficiency Working Group

- Liaison Brown has sent a draft of the webpage for the business group, which members went through and made some comments and shared feedback with Liaison Brown.
- The Edina website will have an update to our Environmental pages including photos and pictures of categories such as saving energy, financing, solid waste, water, and adopting renewables.
- Member Jackson had a meeting with the Frauenshuh Company on November 30. Member Jackson asked them if they would be willing to speak at our October 2017 event, and they said yes.
 - i. Also, Frauenshuh Company recommended the "Energy Guy" consultant to connect with named Steven Todd.
 - ii. They have given a lot of information about how a business makes decisions. Electricity is their largest cost.
- Minneapolis has an ordinance in place that businesses a certain size will have their energy data become public. Commissioner is wondering if the City of Edina has the same or could possibly have a similar ordinance as the City of Minneapolis
- Working on a potential event with 50th and France Association. Hope to have a set date in either February or March. City Management Fellow Kelly Dumais will also help with setting up the event.
 - i. Xcel Energy has set up 15-minute assessments for the small companies that can't hire a consultant.
- The question came up as we start getting contacts, what do we want our next steps to be? Hoping to move forward beyond setting up one on one meetings.
- Liaison Brown has contacted Xcel Energy to receive the data.

Student Environment Leadership Council (Subcommittee)

- Edina students conducted a potluck earlier in the week to discuss projects that students could accomplish at Edina High Schools. The students have identified thirty problems as well as thirty solutions or suggestions to the problems. Here are the top six out of thirty projects to do:
 1. Add more composting bins at Edina High school
 - a. Goal for 2017 fall school year
 2. Gardening in the school's backyard
 - a. Every incoming class can plant trees during a May term session. This provides a space and environment for students to get involved in school.
 - b. One of the issues or complications about planting trees is the upkeep.
 3. Screen a movie called "Before the Flood" at Edina High School
 - a. Students look to incorporate social media about the movie or have a dialogue with students as they watch the movie.

- i. Goal to screen in February 2017.
4. Middle school challenge
 - a. Figuring out how to incorporate middle school students in environment and energy topics.
5. Educating families about Xcel's Windsource
6. Conducting a student forum meeting about how to start making energy and environmental changes in schools. Students will delay iMatter presentation to Council meeting to a later date in 2017, after the students gather more information and concrete results to bring in front of council members.

Residential Energy Efficiency Working Group

- No update.

Recycling, Solid Waste and Organics Working Group

- No update.

VII. Correspondence And Petitions

- Correspondence email from resident
 - i. Resident has concerns with the plant based infills for synthetic turf. Found to be slightly less toxic than their tire crumb counterparts per resident's report. Resident is very pleased with EEC's support to the resident's cause when they contacted EEC in May hoping that the school district and city could choose something other than tire crumb for their playground.
 - ii. Resident wants to continue to work together with EEC in the future to promote pesticide free grass for the kids to play on.

VIII. Chair And Member Comments

- A. A Commissioner shared that Paul Thompson wanted to invite the public to a meeting on Monday, December 12th from 6:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m. at the Edina Morningside Community Church. Mindy will discuss their bike ride trip across the country.

IX. Staff Comments

- None.

XI. Adjournment

Motion made by Chair Zarrin to adjourn the December 08, 2016 meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Jackson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sulekha Mohamed
Executive Assistant