

## CEAC Meeting Minutes – May 22, 2013

**Attendance:** Kevin Bengtson, Diane Daun, Darrell Gerber, Tony Hainault, Meleah Houseknecht, Pat Mulloy, Roxxanne O'Brien, Annette Rondano, Brian Ross, Michelle Schroeder, Sarah Sponheim, Jamison Tessner, Alexis Troschinetz,

**Others in Attendance:** Mike Bull, Rick Carter, Andrew Rockway, Julia Eagles, Brendon Slotterback, Gayle Prest, Renee Van Sicken, Kelly Schmitt, Andrew Emanuele, Mark Oyaal, Georgia Ruebenstein, Carissa Schively Slotterback

**Absences:** Shalini Gupta, Michelle Stockness, Marty Broan, Lisa Daniels, Jennifer Ringold, Ross Abbey

### Meeting Minutes and Agenda

Chair Sarah Sponheim called the meeting to order at 5:01. Minutes were approved unanimously. May agenda was approved.

### Announcements

1. ECT has not met yet this year, but will likely be meeting soon to get an update on various projects.
2. The recommendation from CEAC on recreational fires was mostly adopted in tact by the City Council. The strongest recommendation – banning rec fires on poor air quality days – passed the Council. Minneapolis started more outreach on this issue almost immediately.
3. The Climate Action Plan Steering Committee has made a recommendation to the City Council on a final document. The plan will go to the City Council's Regulatory Energy and Environment (RE&E) committee on June 17<sup>th</sup>. CEAC and other stakeholders will be notified in advance.
4. CEAC approved a letter in support of the Climate Action Plan. It will be sent to RE&E committee closer to the date of the RE&E meeting time.
5. CEAC approved a letter to the City Council asking them to: 1) direct more resources to getting involved in Public Utility Commission filings and representing the City's interests and 2) request reliability data for Minneapolis from Xcel Energy.
6. Metro CERTS has a new program for water conservation "Making a Splash". This program is trying to get more deployment of technologies to reduce water use in restaurants and other organizations. CERTS has bargained for a lower rate on the purchase of the technology, businesses and organizations can benefit from the savings.

### July Meeting

Sarah asked if members wanted to cancel the July meeting, as has been done historically. Members did not want to cancel since CEAC had already been canceled for Thanksgiving.

### Regional Indicators Initiative

Rick Carter from LHB presented a project called the Regional Indicators Initiative. This project is collecting data on energy, waste, water and travel for 20 cities in the Twin Cities metro area. It is similar to a greenhouse gas inventory. The Center for Energy and Environment website has blog post about the report, and a website will be developed soon. Brendon will send out the full report to CEAC. It is also posted on the [CEAC website](#).

### Minneapolis Climate Adaptation Findings

Student group from the HHH capstone class presented their final project on climate adaptation impacts and strategies for Minneapolis. This work included research on potential climate impacts, interviews with key City staff, and a list of climate adaptation strategies that could be implemented by the City. The full report is [on the CEAC website](#).

### Subcommittee Updates

1. Outreach (Rondano) – This would be a new subcommittee that could expand CEAC’s web presence. A Facebook page could be developed, as well as a place for the videos of CEAC meetings. This group would explore how CEAC could grow, and would populate the Sustaining Community website (which includes a calendar of Twin Cities’ sustainability events). No meeting time or place has been set yet, but Annette is asking for members to join the subcommittee.
2. Less Waste (Sponheim) – The subcommittee is working on a letter to send to CEAC about asking Public Works about a plastic bag fee. They subcommittee is also working with Diane to send a letter to Minneapolis Public Schools about establishing recycling/organics collection at all schools, similar to the programs it has in place at some already. The subcommittee is supporting the Park Board in doing more on recycling/organics collection.
3. Water (Gerber) Asian Carp – A separate group is doing polling on public use of the locks and education and outreach asking people to reduce their usage of the locks. The Water Resources Development Act passed out of committee at the federal level. The current draft would close locks with low traffic volumes, which would include Upper St. Anthony. The bill still needs to win full Congressional approval. There is a poll out to members on the wastewater tour, please respond. We will do a drinking water plant tour later in the summer. The group would like to do a tour of the water reuse system at the Twins Stadium. Full CEAC might want to consider inviting a speaker to talk about “contaminants of emerging concern”. The group is also looking at development ordinances that regulate how projects deal with their groundwater (dewatering).
4. Utility Franchise (Schroeder) – Two resolutions (see above). The group hasn’t set a standing meeting yet. The group met with Mike Bull. The group may meet with a representative of Xcel. Kevin mentioned that Xcel representatives are meeting with the City Coordinator soon to talk about reliability data.

#### **Future meeting agenda items**

- Homegrown Minneapolis update (June 26<sup>th</sup>)
- Legislative update
- Presentation on “contaminants of emerging concern”
- “Unnatural Causes” documentary

**Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

**CEAC Subcommittees  
June 26, 2013**

	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Typical meeting times</b>	<b>2013 ideas</b>
<b>Less Waste</b>	Sarah	Jamison, Annette, Diane, Tony, Ross	2:00-3:00 before CEAC meeting	Construction debris Organics
<b>Water</b>	Darrell	Michelle Stockness, Meleah, Sarah	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 8:00-9:00 am Wilde Roast	
<b>Air Climate</b>	Ross	Michelle Schroeder, Meleah, Sarah, Lisa, Pat, Shalini, Marty, Alexis, Kevin, Tony	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 4:00 Common Roots	Climate Action Plan Env Justice Energy Efficiency Renewables
<b>Utility Franchise</b>	Michelle Schroeder	Brian, Pat, Meleah, Sarah, Lisa, Shalini, Roxanne		
<b>Outreach</b>	Annette			