

## CEAC Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2014

**Attendance:** Ross Abbey, Pat Mulloy, Darrell Gerber, Tony Hainault, Brian Ross, James Nash, Meleah Houseknecht, Lisa Daniels, Eduardo Cardenas, Alexis Troschinetz, Shalini Gupta

**Others in Attendance:** Gayle Prest, Brendon Slotterback, Patrick Hanlon, Jenny Lansing, Mike Luke

**Absences:** Jamison Tessneer, Marty Broan, Sam Grant, Michelle Stockness, Jennifer Ringold, Michelle Schroeder, Roxanne O'Brien

### **Approval of Agenda and June minutes:**

The agenda was amended to move the air quality study before the member announcements.

Agenda was approved. The August minutes were approved with these changes: Meleah was absent at August meeting. Choose to Reuse is August through November, not just one month.

### **Presentation on Minneapolis Health Department Air Quality Study**

Patrick Hanlon, Jenny Lansing, Leslie Foreman, and Anthony Nixon presented information on the air quality monitoring study that the City's Environmental Health department is conducting. The presentation from the study will be posted on the CEAC agenda website.

If anyone is interested in a community meeting to see a presentation on the status of the study to-date, they can contact Leslie Foreman at [leslie.foreman@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:leslie.foreman@minneapolismn.gov).

### **City Staff and Member Announcements**

1. Gayle gave an update on the accessory dwelling unit ordinance.
2. Brendon gave an update on the progress on the City's Building Benchmarking and Disclosure Ordinance work. A new report with 2013 data will be published in fall or winter. The City also received grants to expand the work from two foundations and the MPCA.
3. Gayle gave an update on the community indicators process. The timeline has been delayed, but staff wants to engage CEAC again on indicators in 2014.
4. There will be a presentation on ground water sensing using satellites from a visiting expert. Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm. If CEAC members tell Darrell in advance, he will register them for a reception before the presentation.

### **Community Solar Gardens**

Ross gave an update on the new community solar garden legislation. Many projects are being advertised already, but there are many questions remaining about how the ownership structures will work, and how community members will engage in the process.

The group discussed whether CEAC should play a role in spreading the word about what community solar gardens are, and provide some basic information.

CEAC members volunteered to form a subcommittee to explore the concept of organizing a meeting: James, Ross, Alexis, Tony, Meleah, and Roxanne were all interested.

### **CEAC 2014-2015 Membership Application Process**

Gayle gave an update on the application process. Applications are being accepted through October 10, 2014. More information on the application process and the form to apply can be found at: <http://minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings/WCMS1P-129772>

In 2015 staff would like to guide CEAC through a strategic planning process to identify priorities as well as do some orientation with all members.

Members had discussions about commenting to the City Council on the membership structure of CEAC. Gayle said that CEAC could make recommendations to the Council on changes to the resolution establishing CEAC. Historically, the roles identified in the resolution have been interpreted to accommodate people.

### **Committee Updates and Breakouts**

#### Climate & Air

None.

#### Less Waste

None.

#### Water

Michelle sent out an update on the subcommittee activities via email.

#### Utility Franchise

None.

#### EJ Subcommittee

None.

### **October meeting items**

- Role of CEAC and recruitment
- Gayle wants to present the City's draft legislative agenda
- Overview of city budget

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned 5:35.