

Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting

Thursday July 9, 2015 3:30-5:30
City Hall (350 S 5th Street) Room 132

Minutes

Attendance: Alejandro Ojeda Saint-Martin, Andrew Murray, Anna Abruzzese, Brian Ross, Darrell Gerber, James Nash, Jen Kader, Meleah Houseknecht

Others in Attendance: Ben Knudson, Brendon Slotterback, David Herberholz, Gayle Prest, Jack Byers, Kjersti Monson, Kellie Kish, Kelly Muellman, Kristen Klingler, Lara Pratt, Laurelyn Sandkamp, Tamara Downs-Schwei

Absences: Adam Arvidson, Allan Campbell, Dylan Bradford Kesti, Eduardo Cardenas, Lisa Daniels, Michelle Stockness, Roxanne OBrien, Shalini Gupta, Tony Hainault

1) Approval of July Agenda and June Meeting Minutes. Meeting called to order by Anna Abruzzese at 3:38pm. Attendees introduced themselves by name, affiliation, and a fun summer activity. There was no quorum as of 3:44pm to approve June minutes or July agenda. Anna went forward with the proposed agenda on good faith.

2) Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan. Kjersti Monson, City of Minneapolis Director of Long Range Planning in the Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) department, gave a 15 minute presentation on the City's process for the development of the next comprehensive plan (Comp Plan), which is due to the Met Council in late 2018. The process will include a Steering Committee, Core Staff Team, technical committee and a number of Task Force (subject-matter specific) groups that will be the 'content generators – topics not yet determined. Kjersti shared a project timeline that showed initial background activities are already in process, and a formal kickoff starting Quarter 1, 2016. The Comp Plan will be main topic at spring 2016 Community Connections Conference (Neighborhood and Community Relations Dept's annual neighborhood convening). Near term actions include: City Council direction, and public and city department invitation for topics, and Task Force prioritization.

Jack Byers, Manager of Long Range Planning, CPED, asked for questions and CEAC's reactions to Kjersti's presentation, level of desired involvement, and issues that should be addressed in the Comp Plan. Jack also led an exercise to get CEAC thinking about how to accommodate 10-20% population growth in approximately 25 square miles while balancing livability and individual preferences for density versus personal/culture space, as well as supporting industrial uses and jobs.

CEAC gave a round of applause for Jack and Kjersti's presentation.

3) MPCA's Draft Environmental Justice Framework

Kelly Muellman described the City's process for drafting comment letter, which will go to City Council on Friday, July 10, possibly with comments from City Council members and a couple of CEAC members. Kelly will send an email to CEAC that includes a link to the MPCA draft EJ Framework and a link for providing public comments (due July 15).

4) Working Group Swift Updates

- Zero Waste – no update
- Overburdened Communities – The group was working with City Council on comments on the draft MPCA EJ Framework, otherwise no update
- Climate Action / Clean Energy Partnership – no update
- Comprehensive Plan Task Force – The group will meet to discuss what CEAC's "ask" is, following-up on discussion/presentation from today. Brian Ross talked about resources/tools that the Met Council is providing on addressing climate change and resiliency in comprehensive plans. The Comp Plan Task

Force will come back to CEAC in August to talk about recommendations for involvement in Comp Plan process.

- Water – The group read through the City's stormwater management plan (public comment period open and public hearing on July 14) and generated comments. Comments are not ready to bring forward yet. They have some high level observations and nit-picky recommendations. Comments are due July 17. CEAC proposed using online (email) voting on approve overarching comments on the plan. Darrell, Michelle and Jen will prepare something to be voted on and send an email out to CEAC for comments and vote.

5) City Staff and Member Announcements

- Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events July 9-11, and Aug 20-22
- City earned 2015 Wellness by Design Award from Hennepin County for its efforts to ensure a healthy work environment and encourage healthy employee lifestyles. The City received the Wellness by Design Gold award, as well as a Wellness by Design Green award for its commitment to minimizing the City's impact on the environment.
- June 23 City Council Transportation and Public Works Committee: Approved 48 miles dedicated bike lanes plan (Climate Action Plan goes to full City Council July 10)
- June 25 City Council's Zoning and Planning approved ordinance amendments that focuses on parking standards for multi-family residential uses in areas that are well-served by transit. (Goes to City Council July 10)
- Mpls St Paul tops CBRE's Green Building Adoption Index for 2nd Year (it ranks the top 30 U.S. markets based on percentages of total number of office buildings, and total office square footage)

6) Next meeting Thursday August 13, 3:30-5:30 and adjourn. The Group decided that CEAC will meet in August possibly at Brian Ross's place if it's available. It will be a short meeting followed by annual get together. Please send agenda items to Gayle. Gayle announced that recreational fire information has now been posted in four languages on the City's website in response to CEAC's previous request.

Meeting adjourned at 5:39pm.