

Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting

Thursday August 13, 2015 3:30-5:30

401 Main Street SE, (Brian Ross's Party Room)

(The entrance is on Main, parking in front has meters parking a block north and east is free, if available)

Agenda

We will have a short meeting followed by social hour – feel free to bring beverage/snacks

- 3:30 1) Approval of August Agenda and June & July Meeting Minutes** (Attachment 1)
- 3:40 2) Action codifying email vote regarding Comments to Stormwater Plan.**
- Jen Wedland as chair of Water Working Group sent email on July 13 to all CEAC members requesting approval to submit comment letter to City on Stormwater Plan. Those voting approval include: James Nash, Darrell Gerber, Andrew Murray, Alejandro Ojeda Saint-Martin Brian Ross, Dylan Bradford Kesti, Michelle Stockness, Anna Abruzzese, Allan Campbell and Jen Wedland
- 3:45 3) Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan – CEAC Role** (Comp Plan Task Force – Brian Ross)
- CPED staff presented overview at July meeting.
- 4:05 4) Community Indicators Update**
- City Council Study Session on Aug 5
<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/www/groups/public/@clerk/documents/webcontent/wcms1p-144934.pdf>
 - City Council Action (via HECE) in September
- 4:15 5) City Staff and Member Announcements**
- Free Hennepin Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events Aug 20-22
 - Urban Sustainability Director's Network in Minneapolis Oct 25-28. Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), MPLS 2015 are also here
 - Sent email to all on July 30, 2015 with link to city budget info/process video. Mayor's 2016 recommended budget was released on August 12
 - Public Works staff will be returning to City Council's Transportation & Public Works Committee no later than January 15, 2016, with a recommended policy to replace the 2004 Urban Forestry Policy, to be considered for adoption by the City Council and a report on best management practices for trees being incorporated into Construction Standards and Specifications. Staff further directed to seek the formal input of the Minneapolis Tree Advisory Commission, the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities, and the Pedestrian Advisory Committee on the content of this policy
- 4:25 6) Next meeting Thursday September 10 3:30-5:30 meeting items and adjourn**

Health Energy and Community Engagement Committee (typically meets 1:30): August 24, Sept 28, Oct 19, Oct 26

CEAC Future Item Ideas: MPRB Ecological Systems update. Composting outreach

Quorum: 9 (19 members but there are two vacancies)

Waste Update:

- Citywide organics cart deliveries began Monday (8/10/15). Goal is to deliver 300 per week. It will take 1 month for all Phase 1 deliveries to be completed. We'll then do late-sign up deliveries for Phase 1 (signed up after July 10th when all the initial delivery routes were finalized) and then switch out the pilot area carts (currently 64-gallons) for the 32-gallon carts. As of Thursday last week, 29.22% of eligible households have signed up to participate.
- Postcards were mailed to all households the last two weeks who have not yet signed up to participate. Postcards are to let them know they can still sign up and encourage them to do so. Many folks I'm running into at events have told me they received the postcard and then immediately called/emailed in to sign up.
- Laura Horner joined the Solid Waste & Recycling team as a Recycling Program Aide II. She will be helping develop, execute, and track effectiveness of targeted educational campaigns among other tasks.
- Project Sweetie Pie is having their State of Trash 'address' next Tuesday August 18th. The event is primarily to showcase their 10 community garden compost sites (with compost captains) established with a Hennepin County Green Partner's grant. The mayor, congressman Ellison, County staff, City SWR staff, UMN extension and more will be at the event. (Flyer is attached).
- Folwell Organics drop-off opens up on Wednesday August 19th. We'll be at the park from 6-8 p.m. for residents to come in ask questions, get signed up to participate, etc. Info for the drop-off is already posted on our website: <http://minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste/organics/WCMS1P-131996>
- Council Members Cam Gordon and Abdi Warsame gave notice on Friday of their intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 11, Chapter 225 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Health and Sanitation: Garbage and Refuse (adding a new Article VII regulating the use of carry out bags in retail establishments)