

Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting

Thursday February 11, 2016 3:30-5:30

Minneapolis City Hall Room 132

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Dylan Bradford Kesti, Allan Campbell, Lisa Daniels, Darrell Gerber, Jenna Grove, Toni Hainault, Jen Kader, Ricardo McCurley, Andrew Murray, Michelle Stockness

Others in attendance: Robin Garwood, Kelly Muellman, Gayle Prest

Absences: Anna Abruzzese, Adam Arvidson, Meleah Houseknecht, James Nash, Roxxanne Obrien, Alejandro Ojeda Saint-Martin, Brian Ross

3:37 Meeting Called to Order (Michelle Stockness)

No quorum.

Robin Garwood gave comments on the Draft Letter in Support of Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance. He requested that CEAC add a sentence saying “this letter is part of the Zero Waste discussion, Zero Waste plan, and CEAC’s work on waste reduction” and discussed the March 21 public hearing. He noted it would be helpful to have at least one person from CEAC come to present formal position of CEAC. CEAC can also help turn out more people to testify in favor of the ordinance.

Robin also mentioned three big environmental things going through City Council on Friday, February 12:

- Green Zones Resolution
- Ordinance to ban all use of PERC in new dry cleaning establishments
- Tweak to Energy Benchmarking Ordinance that will improve data quality

The Bottineau LRT municipal consent also is happening tomorrow.

Regarding Complete Streets, the Public Works department is meeting with stakeholder group and bicycle and pedestrian advocates. They will come up with a new draft after meeting with staff and then presenting to the policy maker group on Complete Streets. The Pool Party (Stormwater Task Force) requested a draft of the Complete Streets policy to add stormwater and greening elements.

3:51 Action on Draft Letter in Support of Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance

- Health, Environment and Community Engagement (HECE) hearing March 21 at 1:30 in City Council Chambers

Andrew Murray walked through the draft letter. They will add Robin’s edits.

Quorum met at 3:55pm.

Tony Hainault moved to approve the letter in support of bring your own bag ordinance with the modification of adding a sentence about CEAC’s history working on waste reduction and the Zero Waste plan, as well as filling in a couple blanks. Ricardo McCurley seconded the motion. Motion approved.

There was a short discussion on outreach to support the ordinance. Clean Water Action took a position and will be notifying members about the public hearing. Allan Campbell will check with Sierra Club whether they can take a position. Jen Kader will contact lake associations she works with. MPIRG would be supportive and should be reached out to.

4:16 Approval of February Agenda and January Meeting Minutes

Darrel Gerber moved to approve the February Agenda and January meeting minutes. Andrew Murray seconded the motion. Motion approved.

4:18 Approval of 2016 Meeting Times and Location

Tony Hainault moved to set meeting times at 3:30pm on the second Thursday. Ricardo McCurley seconded the motion. There was a discussion on times and dates. Dylan Bradford Kesti made a friendly amendment to change the motion to 4pm on the second Thursday. Jen Kader seconded. Motion passed. CEAC will review meeting times again at March meeting to ensure there are no more conflicts.

4:26 Election of 2016 Chair and Vice Chair Candidates

CEAC chose to use voice vote for the election of Chair since there was only one candidate running. Dylan Bradford Kesti moved to elect Anna Abruzzese as Chair for 2016. Ricardo McCurley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The two candidates for Vice Chair, Andrew Murray and Jenna Grove, were asked to make a few remarks and answer questions from CEAC members. CEAC took a confidential written vote. Votes were counted by staff. Andrew Murray was elected Vice Chair for 2016. CEAC thanked Jenna Grove for running and thanked Michelle Stockness for her work as outgoing Vice Chair.

4:25 5) Finalize HECE Presentation

CEAC will give an annual update at the Health, Environment & Community Engagement Committee (HECE) (date TBD). CEAC discussed the following amendments to the presentation:

- New in 2016:
 - Stormwater (Pool Party) - Jen Kader will send shortened list and add Promoting Kmart as demonstration site for green infrastructure
 - Overburdened Communities – Add three more items: point & non-point air pollution; monitor implementation of MPCA and MnDOT EJ Frameworks; bridge engagement between City Council and community.
- Ideas for Observations & Recommendations:
 - Break down siloes between CEAC and other committees working on related topics (PHAC, Ped or Bike Committee, Food Council, etc.) Jen Kader will write a sentence.
 - Increased City staff presence at CEAC meetings
 - Interested in a stronger relationship with EVAC and their work (Lisa Daniels)
 - Engage and monitor City's implementation of Climate Action Plan and State carbon goals (Tony Hainault)
 - Encourage participation of other local, regional, state agency staff (Allan Campbell)
- Update the photo of CEAC (Anna Abruzzese or Lisa Daniels took photos)

5:07 6) Update on 2016 CEAC Activities

- Zero Waste Working Group – comment letter on Carryout Bag ordinance
- Climate Action Planning Working Group – identified some key relevant and actionable work items. Want feedback from staff to create more structure. Met with Dan (ED of Transit Management Organization) and he was eager to work with them.
- Overburdened Communities Working Group – Gave most of the update on new activities during annual presentation conversation. Ricardo met with Patrick Hanlon, who is working on new fee structure for polluters (PCAB) with Council Member Frey including changing fees to pay by emissions and by not emission reduction technologies installed. Public hearing will be February 29 at HECE (1:30pm). Ricardo will lead an online vote for CEAC supporting the Resolution proposed at the public meeting.
- Pool Party (Storm water) Working Group – Met to hash out timeline for work plan, including how they can support City's water management plans. Engaging with Master Water Stewards on chloride project. Jen is creating a 5 minute video on why the Kmart site should be a demonstration of green infrastructure.

5:15 City Staff and Member Announcements

- Green Zones passed Community Development Regulatory Services Committee on February 2, Full City Council action expected on Friday Feb 12. Kelly Muellman announced that she will be engaging the Overburdened Communities Task Force in this project.

- Jen Kader announced and passed around cards for Freshwater Society – State of Water Conference and Moos Family Speaker Series on water resources

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Meeting Adjourned

Jen Kader moved to adjourn meeting. Lisa Daniels seconded. Motion passed.
Next meeting will be Thursday, March 10 at **4pm**