

Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting

Thursday July 14, 2016 4:00-6:00pm

Minneapolis City Hall Room 132

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Anna Abruzzese, Meleah Houseknecht, Andrew Murray, Allan Campbell, Darrell Gerber, James Nash, Michelle Stockness, Jen Kader, Tony Hainault, Lisa Daniels, Ricardo McCurley

Absent: Roxxanne OBrien, Jenna Grove,

Guests: Mike Luke

Staff: Kelly Muellman, Gayle Prest, Kellie Kish, Dave Herberholtz, Siri Simons, Robin Garwood

4:15 Introductions and approval of July Agenda and June Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 4:15pm.

Agenda moved around to accommodate attendance of guest presenters.

Time provided to review the meeting notes from June.

Michelle made motion to approve, Andrew seconded. Agenda and minutes approved unanimously.

4:19 City Staff and Member Announcements

- Green Zones: Next meeting on July 27 from 4:30-7:30pm at Urban Research and Outreach Center is open to the public. It will include an environmental justice training on cumulative impacts, health outcomes and examples of Green Zones concepts from other cities.
- City offering free Home Energy Squad visits and 0% financing for major energy efficiency work for income qualified households for limited time. Go to mncee.org/hes-mpls or call 612 335 5874
 - 50 households have signed up already
 - CenterPoint will be offering free income-qualified Home Energy Squad visits through their Conservation Improvement Plan filing starting in 2017
- The City of Minneapolis is looking to plant pollinator habitat and trees on commercial and multifamily residential (four-plex or larger) property and community space throughout Minneapolis over the next two years with a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/environment/bees>
- Health, Environment and Community Engagement, June 20 meeting direction:
 - Requesting that the Public Health Advisory Committee and the Community Environmental Advisory Commission study and make recommendations regarding the use of waste tires as ground cover in Minneapolis and report back to the Health, Environment and Community Engagement Committee in February of 2017.
 - Directing staff from the Health Department and City Coordinator's Office of Sustainability to work with the Public Health Advisory Committee and the Community Environmental Advisory Commission (Andrew and Anna) to support their efforts to study and make recommendations regarding the use of waste tires as ground cover in Minneapolis.
- 100 Resilient Cities update: Minneapolis's contact, Olivia Stinson, is visiting Minneapolis this week meeting with Department leadership. Next steps for the 100RC work includes being assigned a consultant/strategy partner, organizing a fall workshop with high level stakeholders, and hiring a Chief Resiliency Officer.
 - Minneapolis 100RC: <http://www.100resilientcities.org/cities/entry/minneapolis-resilience-challenge#/-/>
- Windustry is seeking volunteers for their state fair booth – looking for 70 volunteers. A training session will be provided approximately 1 week before fair begins. Volunteers get free entrance to the fair as well as a t-shirt.
- Womens' Environmental Institute is looking for volunteers for Crop Mob – volunteer day next Saturday (July 23) for a few hours up to a day. Also looking to hire part or full-time work.

- Environmental Quality Board is hosting a wrap-up for CSEO project and statewide climate action planning. Next Wednesday, July 20 from 12-4pm. At the Science Museum of Minnesota.

4:38 Zero Waste Update (Meleah Houseknecht, Robin Garwood, Dave Herberholtz)

Environmental Initiative is working with Mayor's office and city on stakeholder engagement meetings on zero waste: commercial, multifamily residential and residential starting second half of September. All meetings are open to the public. CEAC will be on invitation list. Meetings will discuss goals, best practices on recycling and waste reduction, and what City should be doing related to strategies and overcoming barriers. Feedback will be provided to City to inform the planning process. The draft plan should be done near the end of 2016. Final Zero Waste plan will be done March 2017. Hopefully CEAC Zero Waste committee can engage more on this and provide feedback.

There also is an internal group of policy makers. Policy makers have interest in addressing construction and demolition waste as well. Better Futures has been doing analysis of city policies for areas of improvements and looking at best practices from other cities – e.g., recycle or reuse certain percentage. Commercial waste stream analysis is in progress and will be available in advance of stakeholder engagement meetings. The analysis will provide a spectrum/matrix of strategies showing different options and impacts on waste stream. The City may also require a recycling chute if a new building is incorporating a waste chute.

5:10 Breakout or Update on 2016 CEAC Activities

- Breakout #1 Comp Plan
 - Michelle reported back to the group about the Comp Plan Environmental Systems meeting she attended June 30th as a representative of CEAC. During the Environmental Systems meeting, the group reviewed the themes discussed at the previous meeting, City staff presented the Comp Plan's Minneapolis 2040 values statements, and sub-groups discussed how each theme aligned with the values.
 - Michelle will send out the document the sub-groups reviewed at the June 30 meeting and ask CEAC members if the themes align with the Minneapolis 2040 values, as well as if anything is missing from the themes. She will also coordinate a presentation from Beth Elliot (CPED) about the Minneapolis 2040 community engagement process, including the upcoming public meeting in November. The purpose of the presentation is to answer the following questions 1) How meaningful is public input for the Comp Plan? and 2) At what phase will public input be collected for the Comp Plan?
- Breakout #2 Overburdened Communities
 - How zero waste relates to overburdened communities, especially as it relates to organics. There is disproportionately low distribution of organics sign-ups in overburdened neighborhoods (poor communities of color). The City started w/ traditional outreach, are now seeing huge success with door knocking, mailings, radio ads, billboards, word of mouth, translation, etc. Kellie Kish shared some preliminary results at HECE on engagement/participation outcomes. Ricardo will share presentation.
 - Kelly Muellman went into more detail on engagement work for the Green Zones initiative and provided an update on the next phase of the climate change vulnerability assessment: community climate conversations.

5:55 Next meeting August 11 possible items

- Waste Tires (pending conversation with Public Health Advisory Committee) – will this include crumb rubber used on AstroTurf?
- Comp Plan engagement plan update (Michelle will reach out to Beth Elliot) – August or Sept
- Jen Kader working with Public Works on chloride reduction, and meeting with CM Reich, and MPCA coming out with chloride strategy (Aug or Sept)
- Future: Invite new Public Works Director to future CEAC meeting (she starts mid-August)
- Other Items? Please contact Chair at least two weeks before next meeting

6:02 Meeting adjourned