

Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting
Thursday October 13, 2016 4:00-6:00pm
Minneapolis City Hall Room 132

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Anna Abruzzese, Andrew Murray, Allen Campbell, Ricardo McCurley, Lisa Daniels, Darrel Gerber, James Nash, Tony Hainault, Adam Arvidson, Ben Knudsen

Absent: Jenna Grove, Dylan Bradford Kesti, Roxxanne OBrien, Michelle Stockness, Jen Kader, Meleah Houseknecht, Alejandro Saint Martin

Guests: Kellie Kish, Haila Maze, Nico Cantarero, Ben Knudsen, Jennifer Kruse, Mike Luke

Staff: Gayle Prest, Brady Steigauf, Luke Hollenkamp

Introductions and approval of Agenda and Sept Meeting Minutes There was no quorum at the beginning of the meeting. Introductions were made.

Zero Waste Update Kelly Kish of the City's Public Works Solid Waste and Recycling Division announced the exciting news that the City reached 40% sign up rate for single family residential organics programs about a year after roll-out – this is possibly the highest in country for opt-in organics program. Because of education, advertising, and outreach, the compost facility says Minneapolis has cleanest deliveries of their customers. More organic carts are still in que to be delivered. A reminder will go out next week via cart lid hanger that yard waste does not belong in compost container.

- Yard waste should remain separate from composting. Yard waste pick ends pick of November 14, it is always the week before Thanksgiving.
- Seasonal message for organics: pumpkins can go in organics cart if no handles, paint, or glitter.
- The City is evaluating the organics drop-off program based upon survey results recently received.
- A second residential recycling cart is available for no extra cost.
- Kelly presented last week at the Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM) conference and her PowerPoint is on City's website http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@publicworks/documents/webcontent/wcms_p-187850.pdf Kelly also gave a brief tutorial of City's Solid Waste and Recycling website.
- The City is working with a consultant on a commercial waste and recycling study – including looking at other cities regarding enhanced enforcement, licensing requirements, mandatory recycling plans for generators, and organized collection systems. The study will be completed in Q1 2017 and will help inform the City's Zero Waste Plan.
- The City's plastic bag ban goes into effect June 2017 – some second hand stores may have extra reusable bags available for others.
- The City developed a recycling/organics block leader program in fall 2015 and there are now over 140 block leaders who receive specialized emails and training depending on pertinent issues and policy. Block leaders can be identified by having "Recycle more" yard signs in their yards. Please contact Kelly if you wish to become a waste block leader.
- Hennepin County is developing a hand-out for all types of disposal info into one packet.
- Ben Knudsen of Hennepin County spoke briefly about a Hennepin County waste sort/survey from Minneapolis trash loads. Food by far was the most common material in trash, (the waste

sort was conducted when two areas of the City did not have organics yet, so the program was not fully rolled out.). Differences in waste composition were noticed depending upon neighborhood, rentals vs. home ownership, education. Part of reason for study is to determine what is realistic recycling and organics collection rate. State has a 75% recycling goal, which is possible based on Minneapolis results if residents recycle 100% of what can be recycled all year long. Possible or not, focus of goals should be to do better than the status quo.

Comprehensive Plan Update Haila Maze of the City's Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) Department provided a handout and a PowerPoint about the City's process in updating the comprehensive plan: <https://www.minneapolis2040.com/>. "Minneapolis 2040" is the City's twenty-year Comprehensive Plan visioning process that will direct the logical and coordinated physical and economic development of the city into the future. The City of Minneapolis is required by the Metropolitan Council to update the Comprehensive Plan every ten years to meet State law and regional planning requirements. This update will be adopted in 2018 by the City Council. Currently the conversation is focused at a high level to make sure all topics needed are included. Haila reviewed the project timeline - currently it is in the "Big Questions" phase with much community engagement in late October, followed by "Policy Framework" phase and comment opportunity in spring 2017. CEAC will remain engaged in the work as it moves forward.

Haila provided an example of the deeper questions/issues within the category of Environment: "air" as well as other categories "water", "soil & land", "energy", "greening", "waste", "other". Categories and topics came from City internal research teams; and will be going out to the public shortly in an attempt to ask if we got it right.

Question was asked on how the City resources for the Plan. Haila said the work is mostly led by CPED's Long-Range Planning staff and brings in experts from the City and beyond as well.

Haila said CEAC members can send comments regarding what had been presented today to Gayle for sending to Haila. Professional facilitators will be at two public meetings in late October in order to engage community members as well.

It is expected that the next opportunity for public engagement will be in March or April commenting on more details.

Approval of minutes. A quorum was present so Darrel made a motion to approve September minutes, it was seconded by Ricardo and passed unanimously.

Action on CEAC Bylaws Revision Andrew reminded the group that this draft had changes based on discussions at the September CEAC meeting. Gayle Prest also sent out a notice per the existing bylaws, notifying members of the intent to amend the bylaws at today's meeting. Major change from the last meeting are in Section 5F, regarding attendance since the City Clerk has determined that only City Council may revoke board and commission appointments. Section 7 is revised for online voting, an example is existing business previously pertaining to a waste water letter. The group discussed edited language to be used. Anna read proposed language: "In lieu of meetings, a quorum of members can make decisions in an online manner, at the discretion of the co-chairs. The call for vote must be sent to all members and clearly state the closure date and time for voting. Items approved in an online manner must have been an agenda item in the formal meeting held prior to the call for an online vote. The vote must be unanimous and must constitute at least a quorum. The voting period must be open for at least three business days."

Friendly amendment: Key word change from "Committee" to "CEAC" throughout document

Friendly amendment Section 5F shall be “meetings” to “regular meetings”

Adam moves to approve bylaws, Ricardo seconded. No further discussion. All in favor; none opposed. Motion is passed.

CEAC Rep(s) Needed for HECE First Boards and Commissions Meeting. Council Member Cam Gordon is holding the first ever convening of boards and commissions that report to the City Council’s Health Environment and Community Engagement Committee on Tuesday Nov 15, 5:00-7:00 Humphrey School University of Minnesota. Invites will be sent out soon via email. Ricardo agreed to speak on behalf of CEAC while all others are encouraged to attend.

City Staff, Working Group and Member Announcements

- Recycled Tires Subcommittee –Next meeting Tues Oct 25 6-7:30 City Hall Room 132 (PHAC)
- Green Zones <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/sustainability/policies/green-zones>
- 2017-2018 CEAC appointments now open until Fri. Oct 21 <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings/WCMSP-185640>
- Ricardo discussed the Minnesota Public Radio report on racial profiling for bike arrests. The story shows that a disproportionate amount of arrests and citations went to African-Americans. He is thinking about what can be done to address this issue. Ricardo will send out the link to the group.
- Ricardo has been contacted by Minneapolis Department of Health’s Environmental Services Division about doing air-quality testing on the backs of bikes. A grant is being written and they asked for Ricardo’s letter of support. Ricardo will confirm when a possible CEAC letter of support is required and can write a draft for consideration by the CEAC.
- Adam announced Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) Commissioners adopted the South Service area plan for parks in that area. Every park has a reduction goal for turf grass. The MPRB’s Capital Improvement Plan budget will now include equity metric. The document “MPP20” can be found online to see more info on the equity criteria. See the “Closing the Gap” MPRB page for more information.

Next meeting is November 10. CEAC will discuss Waste Tire draft recommendations and Findings from Air Quality Study by Minneapolis Health Department. Please contact Chair at least two weeks before next meeting if you have additional items for the agenda.

At 6:02, Adam moved, Ricardo seconded to adjourn the meeting. It was approved unanimously.