

Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting
Thursday November 10, 2016 4:00-6:00pm
Minneapolis City Hall Room 132

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Tony Hainault, Adam Arvidson, Anna Abruzzese, Lisa Daniels, Andrew Murray, Allan Campbell, Dylan Bradford Kesti, James Nash, Jen Kader, Meleah Houseknecht,

Absent: Darrell Gerber, Michelle Stockness, Ricardo McCurley, Jenna Grove, Roxxanne OBrien, Alejandro Saint Martin

Guests/Staff: Gayle Prest, Brady Steigauf, Patrick Hanlon, Jenni Lansing, Jen Kruse, Margaret Schuster, Michael Luke, Ward Einess, Tom Freeman, Nancy Brown and Dianna Kennedy

1) Introductions and approval of Agenda and October Meeting Minutes Anna Abruzzese opened up the meeting. Since there was not an immediate quorum the group moved to item #2. A quorum was established at 4:21 and a motion was made by Lisa Daniel and seconded by Dylan Bradford to approve the agenda and October meeting minutes which was passed unanimously.

2) Codify On Line Voting for approving Letter of Support for Grant in Nov minutes Anna thanked Ricardo McCurley for organizing the online voting in late October of the draft letter to support city applying for the Smart City Air Challenge Grant from the EPA. It was a unanimous approved with on line votes from Ricardo, Anna, Tony, Darrell, Lisa, Jen, Michelle Stockness, Dylan, James Nash, Alejandro, Allan, Adam, Jenna, Andrew. This will be entered into the November meeting notes.

3) Minneapolis Air Quality Study Findings Pat Hanlon and Jessica Lansing from the Minneapolis Health Department reviewed the recent two year air quality study findings. The study was designed to be on a local level and focused on volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Researchers studied the overall health risks of VOCs. Though Minnesota has good air quality, even low levels of pollution can cause health issues and premature death. Researchers looked at 62 VOCs over two years at over 120 different neighborhood locations, gathering data on worker exposure, local air quality, and regional air quality. Jenni shared a link to the data gathered and analyzed in tableau: <http://tinyurl.com/gmyzldx>

4) Recycled Waste Tire Draft Recommendations Anna and Jenna Grove attended October 25 Public Health Advisory Committee (PHAC) meeting where three toxicologists spoke. The PHAC/CEAC Subgroup met recently to begin discussing preliminary recommendations (Andrew Murray, Jenna and Anna attended) and their draft recommendations are presented today for review and edits. It is anticipate that CEAC will vote on final recommendations at the December 8 meeting.

The group discussed the draft recommendations and the desire for safe, non-toxic areas. In Section 2aiii of the handout (Currie Field), members discussed that this isn't a planned conversion to recycled tires but rather it is an expansion project which anticipates a dome being constructed. Project budgets and plans are what will be the limiting factors for choosing an alternative. Dylan mentioned the possibility of getting community input for Currie Field as to the trade-off of health exercise and possibly detrimental exposure. The struggle of equity becomes apparent when comparing public school playgrounds, the desire to keep playing fields open longer using recycled tires compared to grass and

the health concerns. Possible edits were discussed and the PHAC will be meeting on November 29 to review the recommendations.

5) City Staff, Working Group and Member Announcements

- For those interested in a Green Zones Update and upcoming meetings please visit: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/sustainability/policies/green-zones>. Kelly Muellman will be giving an update on the Green Zones progress at the HECE November 28 meeting.
- The 2017-2018 CEAC appointments will be going to HECE on Nov 28 with full City Council approval on December 9.
- Reminder that HECE Boards and Commissions gathering will be on Tuesday Nov 15 from 6-8pm at Humphrey School UM. Gayle will resend invite. Ricardo agreed previously to speak on behalf of CEAC.
- The City recently won a Governor's Community Clean Energy Community Award for the Clean Energy Partnership.
- Jenn Kader announced that she is going to COP22 as part of UM student delegation.
- Meleah Houseknecht mentioned that the Environmental Initiative will be hosting an event on December 6th on air quality and equity. Dr. Charles Lee with EPA is the invited speaker - Charles Lee is the Deputy Associate Assistant Administrator for the Environmental Justice USEPA. Event details will be shared with group.
- Allan Campbell mentioned that Xcel Energy currently has the Wind source program and is proposing via the Public Utilities Commission a new green Renewable Energy Credit program called Renewable*Connect. The program would give customers, including governments, an opportunity to subscribe to new utility scale wind and solar projects in Minnesota.

6) Next meeting December 8 possible items and adjourn The next meeting will be on December 8 and possible items include voting on Recycled Tire recommendations and recognizing outgoing members for their service. Anna suggested the group may also want to have a social hour after the meeting. Please contact Chair at least two weeks before next meeting. Jen moved to Adjourn at 5:59. Approved.