

## Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting

Thursday December 8, 2016 4:00-6:00pm

Minneapolis City Hall Room 132

### Meeting Notes

**Attendees:** Adam Arvidson, Alejandro Saint Marti, Andrew Murray, Ricardo McCurley, Dylan Bradford Kesti, Darrell Gerber, Roxxanne O'Brien, Jen Kader, Jenna Grove, Allan Campbell, Anna Abruzzese, Lisa Daniels, Tony Hainault,

**Absent:** James Nash, Meleah Houseknecht, Michelle Stockness,

**Guests/Staff:** Gayle Prest, Brady Steigauf, Kelly Muellman, Luke Hollenkamp, Thomas Olson, Bill Toscano, Dianne Toscano, Jenna Greene, Justin Lee, Noah Mikell, Erin Niehoff, Tom Freeman, Jennifer Kruse, Margaret Schuster, Michael Luke, Sam Blackburn

#### 4:00 1) Introductions and approval of Agenda and November Meeting Minutes (Attachment 1)

- Roxxanne O'Brien provided a synopsis on the update regarding Northern Metals. It was suggested that the community nearby the facility be contacted by Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC) and the City, given that they are the most impacted by the changes. Lead level tests were advised, given the consequences that lead pollution from Northern Metals could have significant impacts on human, soil, air, and water health adjacent to the facility. It was suggested that affordable housing be included in the redevelopment plan, and Adam Arvidson disclosed that the Park Board has existing intentions to convert the land into park space. The discussion ended with the suggestion that if the land remains zoned as industrial, preference should be given toward green-industries.
- Quorum was reached at the beginning of the meeting. Andrew Murray initiated a vote to approve Agenda and Meeting Minutes, seconded by Darrell Gerber, passed at 4:10.

#### 4:05 2) Thank you to outgoing members and recognition of new members (Attachment 2).

City Council expected to approve on Friday December 9:

- Approving the following for two-year terms beginning Jan. 1, 2017, and ending Dec. 31, 2018:  
Existing: Dylan Bradford Kesti, Jenna Grove, Andrew Murray, Michelle Stockness, Allan Campbell, Lisa Daniels, Darrell Gerber, James Nash, and Ricardo McCurley.  
New: Thomas Olsen, John Stenseth, Isaac Russell-Hart, Erin Niehoff, Mohamed Yakub, Jennifer Kruse (One mayoral appointment remains)
- Thank outgoing members for their dedication and service: Anna Abruzzese, Eduardo Cardenas, Meleah Houseknecht, Jen Kader, Alejandro Ojeda Saint-Martin, Roxxanne OBrien, and Brian Ross.

Gayle handed out certificates of appreciation. Words of appreciation were expressed.

#### 4:20: 3) Vote on Recycled Tire Draft Recommendations (Attachment 3)

Jenna and Adam attended November 29 PHAC meeting where they voted to approve attachment 3. Jenna Grove reviewed the draft memorandum from CEAC/PHAC to the HECE Committee regarding Recycled Tires. This was approved at the last PHAC meeting. Letters from Play it Safe and the Recycled Rubber Council were also distributed/ The two major recommendations are: A moratorium on City financed projects outside of the 20 Year Neighborhood Park Plan (NPP20) financing regarding the use of crumb rubber tire mulch until

December 31, 2019 and collaboration with others on policy, monitoring and outreach. A question was asked about NPP20. Adam Arvidson mentioned that Currie Field is one location being discussed regarding a planned expansion of a premier soccer field, which is likely to have a synthetic surface that is part of the NPP20 and also that the MPRB approved the South Service Area Master Plan which includes language recommending that safe, non-toxic materials be used. Adam stated that current projects budgets generally assume prices for crumb rubber fields, and that alternative materials could affect overall project scopes and budgets. The question was posed whether it is possible to remove crumb rubber from the turf if studies find it toxic. Jenna Grove explained that remediation is more expensive than initial implementation. Pearl and Powderhorn Parks (also scheduled for premier fields) will receive funding after the moratorium. "Premier" fields differ in the quality of surface above a neighborhood play lot and could include material other than crumb rubber. There are very few natural grass premier fields. Water and soil contamination were also briefly discussed, as a consequence of crumb rubber turf as well as chemical applications to natural grass. Darrell Gerber mentioned that he didn't see in the recommendations that the City of Minneapolis could potentially contribute to the studies being conducted to see if the fields are safe or not. Jenna Grove explained that the State Government of California is conducting the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) are conducting a multi-agency study, making it impractical due to time and financial restraints. Jen Kader stated that if we are trying to be precautionary, our moratorium is justified. Jen called the question which was seconded by Anna/Darrell. The recommendations passed at 4:59pm with Adam, as staff to MPRB, abstained from voting.

**4:55 4) Announcements and Next meeting Thursday, January 12 4:00-6:00 City Hall Room 132**

- Anyone interested in assisting staff in designing new member orientation for January meeting should contact Gayle Prest.
- Ricardo volunteered to get coffee with any members who would like more information.
- Darrell and Kelly Muellman announced that the upcoming Comprehensive Plan process has moved into the third phase involving policies and goals. Darrell mentioned that there is a December 21<sup>st</sup> deadline for policies in the environmental piece. Working on drafts for energy, air, water, soil and land, waste, and greening. Jen Kader was interested in the Waste sector. Lisa said that she would do energy. Adam hired a new employee that will be more involved in this process but also the MPRB's ecological systems work of which Michelle Stockness is involved in representing CEAC.
- Tony would like Jen and some others to come and speak on the COP22 (Conference of Parties) meeting in Morocco.
- Tony updated everyone on an updated e-waste law that has not been implemented well, but mentioning that the MPCA is finally realizing that this is an issue. Tony also mentioned that there was a waste sort at Hennepin Energy Recovery Center (HERC) to determine what sectors of waste that need greater recovery.

**Adjournment occurred at 5:21.**

**City Council's Health Energy and Community Engagement Committee (typically meets 1:30):**  
City Council 2017 budget approval Wed Dec 7.

**Quorum:** 9 (19 members but there are three vacancies in 2016 –Public Schools rep, business rep and residential rep)