

Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting
Thursday January 12, 4:00-6:00pm
Minneapolis City Hall Room 132

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Jenna Grove, Thomas Olsen, Andrew Murray, Erin Niehoff, Darrell Gerber, Mohamed Yakub, Michelle Stockness, Jon Stenseth, Tony Hainault, Jennifer Kruse, Lisa Daniels, Ricardo McCurley,

Absent: Dylan Bradford Kesti, Isaac Russell-Hart, Adam Arvidson, Allan Campbell, James Nash

Guests/Staff: Gayle Prest, Brady Steigauf

1) Introductions and approval of Agenda and December Meeting Minutes

- Quorum was reached at 4:14. Andrew Murray initiated a vote to approve agenda and December meeting minutes, seconded by Michelle Stockness, passed at 4:15pm.

2) CEAC's value to the City

- Council Member Cam Gordon representing Ward 2 and chair of the City Council's Health Environment and Community Engagement Committee (HECE) paid the Community Environment Advisory Commission (CEAC) a visit. He provided encouragement for new CEAC members, a historic context to the value CEAC has provided for the City, and a reminder to keep the environment's and public's best interests in mind. Cam Gordon mentioned the Green Zones initiative and Zero Waste plan as two items that will be moving forward this year. Cam Gordon also mentioned that air quality is a local concern to bear in mind (especially given the recent Northern Metals issues).

3) Individual Introductions

- Members went around the room and introduced themselves, organization/business, and personal experience related to environmental issues.
- A request for short biographies from CEAC members will be emailed out to capture who members are, their passions, and what sustainability issues they are working on that will be distributed at the next meeting.

4) Next Meeting Potential Agenda Items

- Set CEAC Meeting Dates for rest of 2017 (Thursdays? What start time?)
 - Doodle poll will be sent out to confirm dates and times.
- Election of Chair and Vice Chair
- Strategic Planning Exercise
- Signing of Oaths (required by City)

5) CEAC 101

- Gayle Prest and Andrew Murray reviewed the City's organizational structure, along with CEAC's Mission, Bylaws, Robert Rules, and previous Working Groups.
- Possible 2017 Issues: Updates to the City's Comprehensive Plan, City's Zero Waste Initiatives, MPRB's Eco Systems work, Green Zones Pilot Project, and Fossil Fuel Vehicle Study

7) Announcements and Next meeting Thursday, February 9 4:00-6:00 City Hall Room 132

- HECE Jan 23, 1:30 PHAC/CEAC's Recycled Tire Recommendations presentation
- Ricardo mentioned potentially to ask Council Members Blong Yang and Barbara Johnson to see if they have any recommendations for recruiting a new CEAC appointment from North Minneapolis, preferably a person of color.

Andrew Murray moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ricardo McCurley. Meeting adjourned at 6:06pm.

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