

**Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting**  
**Thursday February 9, 4:00-6:00pm**  
**Minneapolis City Hall Room 132**

**Meeting Notes**

**Attendees:** Thomas Olsen, Mohamed Yakub, Jennifer Kruse, Andrew Murray, Allan Campbell, Jon Stenseth, James Nash, Michelle Stockness, Erin Niehoff, Isaac Russell-Hart, Ricardo McCurley, Lisa Daniels, Tony Hainault, Darrell Gerber,

**Absent:** Dylan Bradford-Kesti, Ellen Kennedy, Jenna Grove

**Guests/Staff:** Gayle Prest, Kelly Muellman, Brady Steigauf, Michael Luke

**1) Introductions and approval of Agenda and January Meeting Minutes)**

- Thomas Olsen initiated a vote to approve the agenda and the January meeting minutes, seconded by Michelle Stockness, passed at 4:07pm.

**2) Individual Introductions**

- Members participated in an icebreaker activity to learn more about one another and their participation in the Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC).
- Contact list of CEAC members was passed around.

**3) Action on election of Chair and Vice Chair**

- Andrew Murray expressed interest in becoming Chair. Lisa Daniels initiated a vote to elect Andrew as chair, seconded by Tony Hainault, passed unanimously at 4:34pm.
- Thomas Olsen expressed interest in becoming Vice Chair, as well as Ricardo McCurley. An anonymous vote was polled; Ricardo was elected Vice Chair at 4:39pm.

**4) Action on 2017 CEAC Meeting Schedule**

- Discussed the Doodle Poll results regarding 2017 meeting dates and times. Andrew moved to approve changing CEAC meetings to the first Wednesdays of the month from 4:00-6:00pm, seconded by Erin Niehoff, passed at 4:44pm.
- The group decided to change July 5<sup>th</sup>'s meeting to Wednesday July 12<sup>th</sup>, and to move August 9<sup>th</sup>'s meeting to Wednesday August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - The following Wednesdays reflect the finalized dates for 2017 CEAC meetings:
    - March 1, 4-6pm
    - April 5, 4-6pm
    - May 3, 4-6pm
    - June 7, 4-6pm
    - July 12, 4-6pm
    - August 2, 4-6pm
    - September 6, 4-6pm
    - October 4, 4-6pm
    - November 1, 4-6pm
    - December 6, 4-6pm

Andrew moved to approve the dates of CEAC meetings, seconded by Thomas Olsen, approved at 4:45pm.

#### **5) Member Interests/Strategic Planning**

- Briefly reviewed existing CEAC committees before breaking into groups to brainstorm and answer questions about future work topics. Discussed actions and deliverables within the SMART worksheet, with a focus on committee goals that were specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-oriented. Topics discussed included Zero Waste strategy, Plastic Bag Ban, forming a committee around the Climate Action Plan to work with the Energy Vision Advisory Committee (EVAC), non-point pollution and air quality, as well as involvement in the City's Comprehensive Plan.

#### **6) Announcements, and Next Meeting on Wednesday, March 1st 4:00-6:00pm, Potential Agenda Items**

- Clean Energy Partnership Board approved an ambitious 2017-2018 Work Plan. The Work Plan outlines the work that the Clean Energy Partnership will do in the next two years to reduce greenhouse gases. More information can be found on [the Clean Energy Partnership's website](#).
- Community Engagement Pilot Program: Minneapolis Renters Coalition and Neighborhood Hub are two community pilot projects that the City and utilities have awarded a grant as pilot projects to improve community engagement in utility rebates programs in historically underserved communities.

Andrew initiated a vote to adjourn, seconded by Ricardo, moved at 6:03pm.

#### **City Council's Health Energy and Community Engagement Committee (typically meets 1:30)**

**Quorum:** 9 (19 members but there are two vacancies in 2017 – Public Schools appointee, and residential rep)

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/sustainability/teams/ceac-meetings>