

## Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting

Wednesday March 1, 4:00-6:00pm  
Minneapolis City Hall Room M301 on M Floor

### Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** Thomas Olsen, Andrew Murray, Allan Campbell, Erin Niehoff, Darrell Gerber, James Nash, Mohamed Yakub, Isaac Russell- Hart, Tony Hainault,

**Absent:** Jennifer Kruse, Jon Stenseth, Michelle Stockness, Ricardo McCurley, Lisa Daniels, Dylan Bradford-Kesti, Ellen Kennedy, Jenna Grove

**Guests/Staff:** Gayle Prest, Brady Steigauf, Kelly Muellman, Luke Hollenkamp, Margo Lee

#### 1) Introductions and approval of Agenda and February Meeting Minutes

Erin Niehoff initiated a vote to approve the agenda and February meeting minutes, seconded by Darrell Gerber, passed at 4:37pm.

#### 2) Green Zones Update

Kelly Muellman from the City of Minneapolis' City Coordinator's Sustainability Office updated CEAC members on her work on Minneapolis' Green Zone Policy. A "Green Zone" is a place-based policy initiative aimed at improving health and supporting economic development using environmentally conscious efforts in communities that face the cumulative effects of environmental pollution, as well as social, political and economic vulnerability. As of right now, Kelly is gathering feedback from the Green Zones work group and community focus groups to determine the geographic location(s), goals and priorities, and evaluation metrics for the Green Zone(s) to present to City Council's Health Environment and Community Engagement Committee in March or April.

#### 3) Member Deep Diver: Mo Yakub on Minnesota Youth Institute

CEAC member Mohamed presented on his work with Minnesota Youth Program. The program engages high school students in solving local and global hunger issues. The first step is to submit a 3-5 page paper by April 15. A day-long program brings teenagers from across the state to the University of Minnesota for an immersive science experience and connections with research and industry leaders. High school participants are eligible for \$1,000 scholarships to CFANS within UMN, CFANS funded summer internships, fully-funded international internships, and more. More information can be found on the [CFANS website](#).

#### 4) Signing of Oaths

Members signed the required oaths to support the Constitution, laws and ordinances.

#### 5) Update on HECE Recycled Tires Recommendation Action

Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC) and the Public Health Advisory Committee's (PHAC) recycled tire recommendations were presented to the Health, Environment and Community Engagement Committee (HECE) on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Jenna Grove represented CEAC (Jenna is working at the legislature today and unable to attend CEAC). City Council Members Cam Gordon and Andrew Johnson moved staff directions as to next steps. It is expected that the full City Council will take this up at their March 10 meeting.

Darrell Gerber gave an update on various environmental bills at the legislature.

## 6) Working Group Breakouts

Members broke out into Energy and Water working groups, and discussed next steps, how to stay connected, and potential topics for each workgroup to focus on.

## 7) Announcements, Next Meeting Wed April 5 4:00 -6:00 City Hall Room M315

- At the April meeting, there will be further discussion around the work groups and the Comprehensive Plan.
- At May's meeting, Jamez Staples from the Clean Energy Partnership's Energy Vision Advisory Committee will make an appearance as a guest speaker.
- Register Now: [Community Connections Conference April 1](#) – Boards and Commissions Track.
- Volunteer needed for the next member Deep Dive at April Meeting
- The City of Minneapolis is once again working with [Tree Trust](#) (a local non-profit organization) to provide about 1,000 trees to Minneapolis property owners at the cost of only \$25. City Trees lottery occurs March 13-20.
- Minneapolis Energy Benchmarking Annual Report is [available online](#)
- 13 more city owned lots may be available for community gardens and urban farms (109). More information can be found on the [City's website](#).
- Earth Hour is Saturday March 25 8:30-9:30 pm
- Hennepin County now recycles used textiles (at hazardous waste drop off locations)
- Hennepin County's [Choose to Reuse Website](#) has been updates

## 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>