

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

COMMUNITY
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY
COMMISSION

ANNUAL UPDATE

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HECE Committee

PRESENTATION

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- Members
- Working Groups
- 2016 Accomplishments
- 2017 Work Plan
- Observation
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BACKGROUND

- 1990: Originally established by the City Council as the Minneapolis Environmental Commission
- 1994: Renamed Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC)
- 2014: Renamed Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC)
- Historically very active in Sustainability Indicators, Climate Action Plan, Air/Mercury Reduction, Green Building/Green Purchasing Policies & Overburdened Communities

CURRENT MEMBERS

Member	Ward	Category
Allan Campbell – Sierra Club	13	Mayor Env Advocacy Group
Andrew Murray (chair)	12	Council Expertise
Darrell Gerber	8	Mayor Expertise
Dylan Bradford Kesti – Community Power	6	Council Env Advocacy Group
Ellen Kennedy	?	MPRB Representative
Erin Niehoff (new)	2	Council Resident
Isaac Russell-Hart (new)	9	Council Resident
James Nash	10	Mayor Business (utility)
Jenna Grove – Clean Water Action	6	Council Env Advocacy Group
Jennifer Kruse (new)	8	Mayor Business (construction)
Jon Stenseth (new)	13	Council Business (airline)
Lisa Daniels – Windustry	7	Mayor Env Advocacy Group
Michelle Stockness	13	Council Business (env engineer)
Mohamed Yakub (new)	10	Mayor Expertise
Ricardo McCurley (vice chair)	12	Mayor Resident
Thomas Olsen (new)	10	Council Expertise
Tony Hainault	7	Hennepin Rep
<i>Vacant</i>		Mayor Resident
<i>Vacant</i>		MPS Representative

2016 MAJOR ACTIVITIES

- Active member in Green Zones Working Group, Comprehensive Plan's Environmental Research Team, MPRB's Ecosystems Planning Team
- Developed Recycled Tire Recommendations in collaboration with Public Health Advisory
- Revised CEAC bylaws
- Monitored Zero Waste Initiatives
- Tracked UM students Mpls Climate Vulnerability Assessment and also Rockefeller 100 Resilient Cities work
- Reviewed State's work on air quality & EJ
- Amplified related education/outreach to our community networks

2017 WORKING GROUPS

- Overburdened Communities
- Zero Waste
- Water
- Climate / Energy / Air
- 3 Task Forces:
 - Comprehensive Plan
 - Bylaws
 - Recycled Tires

2017 GOALS

Overburdened Communities

- Continue working on Green Zones.
- Continue working on Roof Depot issues.
- Look at how CEAC can support sustainable economic development.
- Research other cities' policies related to non-point source air pollution.
- Develop model for building community engagement with City Council.
- Monitor implementation of MPCA and MnDOT Environmental Justice Frameworks.

2017 GOALS

Zero Waste

- Advise on the city's Zero Waste Plan as it becomes more developed.
- Promote the Bring Your Own Bags implementation of reusable bags this summer.
- Support the addition of recycling and composting to high-density residential, commercial, and industrial locations.

2017 GOALS

Water

- Review and provide input on appropriate City water plans.
- Integrate stormwater BMPs into Complete Streets Policy.
- Involve Master Water Stewards in chloride reduction efforts/focus area.
- Develop a framework tying water to resiliency as preparation for Comprehensive Plan conversations.
- Promoting Kmart as demonstration site for green infrastructure.
- Develop recommendations regarding City's revisions to Erosion Control Ordinance.

2017 GOALS

Climate / Energy / Air

- Develop recommendations for expanding Electric Vehicle use in the city. (incentives, regulatory changes, etc.)
- Explore opportunities with the downtown Transit Management Organization (TMO) for collaboration. One idea mentioned was to find a way for the city to promote downtown businesses that subsidize employer use of Metro Transit.
- Develop a decision-making model for equity related to climate action.

2017 GOALS

Comp Task Force

- Participate in, and develop CEAC recommendations for, the City's community engagement process.
- Provide technical and policy feedback to the Steering Committee, Technical Committee, and Core Staff Team throughout the process.

Bylaws Task Force

- Propose revised to CEAC bylaws.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- We'd like to see increased collaboration between CEAC and other committees working on related topics (PHAC, Energy Vision Advisory Committee, Pedestrian or Bike Committee, Food Council, etc.).
- We encourage City Council members and City staff from key departments to be more involved at CEAC meetings and seek out CEAC's input and feedback.
- We commend City's environmental and environmental justice goals and encourage adequate resources, policy and outreach.

THANK YOU!