

Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting

Wednesday June 7, 4:00-6:00pm

Minneapolis City Hall Room 132

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Andrew Murray, Jennifer Kruse, Darrell Gerber, Tony Hainault, Allan Campbell, Erin Niehoff, Thomas Olsen, Lisa Daniels, Mohamed Yakub, Jon Stenseth

Absent: Isaac Russell-Hart, Ellen Kennedy, James Nash, Michelle Stockness, Jenna Grove, Ricardo McCurley

Guests/Staff: Brady Steigauf, Kelly Muellman, Halston Sleets, Lauren Sutherland (CPED Plan Review)

1) Introductions and approval of Agenda and May Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 4:11pm. Andrew motioned to approve the agenda with two amendments (removing discussion of VW Settlement and adding items to the Announcements section) and the meeting minutes from May, seconded by Jon, approved at 4:27pm.

2) Member Deep Dive: Jennifer Kruse

Jennifer works for McGough Construction Co., and has worked in the construction industry for over 20 years with an interest in sustainability. After moving back to Minneapolis a year and a half ago, Jennifer decided to join the Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC) due to her interest in looking at the big picture and how industry impacts the environment. Jennifer mentioned that construction and transportation are two of the largest emitters of greenhouse gas emissions, presenting a big opportunity to make the sectors more sustainable.

3) Plastic bag ban discussion and vote

As a result of the State legislature prohibiting local governments from banning plastic bags, Council Member Cam Gordon has had conversations with the City Attorney's Office to determine next steps for Minneapolis' Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance. Andrew proposed that a no-less-than 5¢ fee on all single use bags be suggested for City Council to pass as an amended resolution. Thomas moves to vote on the suggestion, seconded by Darrell, passed unanimously at 4:51pm.

4) Zero Waste update- Halston Sleets, Mayor's Office

Halston is tasked with writing a Zero Waste update for the Mayor's Office, and is in the process of designing a plan for engagement. Halston hopes to have the report finished in September, and will continue to keep CEAC informed on her progress.

3) CEAC 2017 Workplan – Working Groups Report on Individual Workplans

- Energy/Air/Climate Action
 - The 2017 goal of this group is to propose ideas for how to support electric vehicles in Minneapolis to share with the rest of CEAC before drafting a letter to City Council. This group will also come up with questions to ask John Scharffbillig from Public Works' Fleet Division, and possibly work with Transit Management Organization to promote alternate modes of transportation in the City.
- Water "Pool Party"
 - This group is working with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to expand their salt application training program in the hopes that City employees can enroll in the program to use salt more environmentally consciously.

Preliminary research done by Jon suggests that the MPCA may not have the capacity to train that volume of employees.

- The second project this group is working on is testing lead in drinking water, both in schools and in public water supply.
 - The group is planning a tour of the Fridley Wastewater Treatment plant for CEAC members. The tour will take place on Monday, June 19 at 3/3:30pm. Contact the pool party to participate.
- Overburdened Communities
 - No updates.
 - Waste
 - No updates aside from plastic bag ban discussion.

5) Announcements

- Waste Tire Update
 - The Park Board passed a resolution committed to considering alternatives to crumb rubber turfs, and that the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) will consult the Public Health Advisory Committee (PHAC) when considering the materials used to build athletic fields in the City.
- Ethic Training for Board Members
- Public Comment Opportunity on the Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program
- “Why I Serve” Videos- ask Kelly for the contact information if you wish to share why you serve on CEAC
- Hennepin County 2017 Household Hazardous Waste Events: <http://www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/collection-events>
- Environmental Initiative is hosting a Policy Forum on changing the Federal-State relationship regarding environmental policy. The event will be hosted on June 15th 8am-12:30pm. Register by 5pm on June 9th.

6) Adjourn & Working Group Breakouts

5:30-6:00 Energy and Water

Thomas motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lisa, passed at 5:33pm.

Next Meeting: Wed, July 12, 4:00 -6:00PM City Hall Room 132

July speaker?

August Meeting: John Scharffbillig, Public Works – City’s Fleet Policy and update on Fossil Fuel Free Fleet study

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

Quorum: 9 (19 members but there are three vacancies in 2017 – Public Schools appointee, City Council Env Advocacy Group rep and Mayor residential rep)

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