

Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting
Wednesday January 3, 4:00-6:00pm
Minneapolis City Hall Room 132

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Allan Campbell, Andrew Murray, Darrell Gerber, Erin Niehoff, Forrest Theisen, James Nash, Jenna Grove, Jennifer Kruse, Jon Stenseth, Lisa Daniels, Michelle Stockness, Mohamed Yakub, Thomas Olsen, Tony Hainault

Absent: Bobbie Erichsen, Ellen Kennedy, Isaac Russell-Hart, Ricardo McCurley

Guests/Staff: Kelly Muellman, Luke Hollenkamp, Abby Finis, Michael Luke, Isabelle Ballet, Brady Steigauf

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

Quorum was reached and the group was able to approve the January agenda and December Meeting Minutes.

CEAC Chair Andrew Murray was running late and Vice Chair Ricardo McCurley was absent, so former chair Michelle Stockness took over the role until his arrival at 4:18 PM.

2) Member Deep Dive: Andrew Murray

This item was skipped initially and then postponed at the end of the meeting to come back to at the February 2018 meeting.

3) Clean Energy Spending – Luke Hollenkamp and Abby Finis (EVAC)

Luke Hollenkamp and Abby Finis (EVAC Co-chair) presented the history and an update on the Minneapolis Franchise Fee increase and initial ideas for funding allocation for clean energy initiatives in 2018. The Energy Vision Advisory Committee (EVAC) of the Minneapolis Clean Energy Partnership launched a funding working group in 2017 with a group of 6 members who found that increasing the Franchise Fee is crucial for achieving the cities agenda presented in the climate action goals.

On December 6th, 2017 the 2018 budget was adopted containing clean energy/sustainability initiatives. On December 15, 2017 City Council approved the increase of the utility franchise fee to fund the clean energy/sustainability items in the 2018 Budget. Using recommendations from EVAC's funding work group, City staff is trying to figure out programming next steps and allocation of the roughly 1 million dollars from the budget. Continuing to receive feedback from EVAC, the CEP board and CEAC, City staff will present two-year recommendations and feedback to City Council within the first quarter of 2018. EVAC's full recommended uses for the Franchise Fee can be found in the [Funding the Minneapolis Clean Energy Partnership: Recommendations from the Energy Vision Advisory Committee \(EVAC\)](#)

CEAC members asked questions and made suggestions about the nuances of the funding, focusing their interest and concern around low-income households, renters, and reducing energy burden, as well as ensuring that funding is leveraging other programs' resources and not trying to duplicate efforts.

4) 100% Renewable Electricity Resolution Update – Luke Hollenkamp

Luke reminded CEAC that the Resolution to adopt goal of 100% Renewable Electricity was introduced by at the time-City Council Member Jacob Frey (now Mayor Frey) on October 20th, reintroduced November 17th, and referred to Ways and Means in the first quarter of 2018. The City Council requested more engagement with stakeholders including CEAC, the Clean Energy Partnership and EVAC. Staff will be hosting a joint conversation between EVAC and CEAC members to discuss the resolution and propose changes (to be made through amendments). The recommended changes will be an agenda item at the EVAC Q1 meeting, as well as the Q1 CEP board meeting.

5) Annual Report to City Council – Kelly Muellman

Every year CEAC provides a presentation to City Council to remind what CEAC is, what CEAC has been working on and what CEAC plans to work on in the coming year. It is a great opportunity to educate and update the City Council and to remind them that this is a body that they created and that they should take it seriously and expect to receive feedback.

Kelly has asked for input from staff around the initiatives they anticipate in 2018 that CEAC could contribute to. Some of these initiatives include:

- Sustainable, affordable housing,
- Multifamily Benchmarking ordinance
- Review and edit draft policy language for the comprehensive plan.
- And more!

Kelly asked the Working Groups to break out to discuss content for the annual report, including the following items:

- Review 2017 Work Plan
- What did you work on in 2017?
- What are your goals for 2018?

A summary of the Working Group's notes will be brought back in February for further discussion and adoption of the 2018 Work Plan.

6) Announcements

- Call for CEAC 2018 Chair and Co-Chair.
 - Andrew Murray's annual term as CEAC Chair is up , as well as Ricardo McCurley as Co-Chair
 - Nominate yourself or others before or at the February 7 CEAC meeting.
 - Erin Niehoff nominated herself as CEAC Chair for 2018
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- Erin Niehoff announced Environmental Initiative's Legislative preview coming up on Thursday, February 15, 2018 1:00pm – 5:00pm Hamline University, Klas Center. For more information contact Erin or go to EI's website.

8) Adjourn & Working Group Breakouts

Meeting was adjourned at 5:48 PM.

Next Meeting: February 7, 4:00-6:00PM City Hall Room 132

Future speakers/topics: Green-to-Go cup exemption, Soil Erosion Control ordinance update, Comp Plan policy review

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>