

# Meeting Minutes



## Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting

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

Minneapolis City Hall Room 132

**CEAC members present:** Allan Campbell, Bobbie Erichsen, Darrell Gerber, Erin Niehoff, Forrest Theisen, James Nash, Lisa Daniels, Mohamed Yakub, Thomas Olsen, Tony Hainault,

**Staff:** Kelly Muellman, Luke Hollenkamp, Izzy Ballet, Kellie Kish

**Guests:** Brady Steigauf, Marie Hannis, Marissa Franklin, Charline Byakweli, Anthony Boone, Mohamed Falag, Fadumo Omar, Tony L., Lena Jones, Lawrance Austin, Isaac Specktor, Marie Haues, Samie Johnson, Kristina Foster

**CEAC members unable to attend:** Andrew Murray, Ellen Kennedy, Jenna Grove, Jen Kruse, Jon Stenseth, Isaac Russell-Hart, Michelle Stockness, Ricardo McCurley

### 1) CEAC 2018 Work Plan

There was not a quorum at 4PM to start the meeting, and both Chair and Co-Chair were absent. Staff asked that working groups break up to review the draft 2018 Work Plan and make final edits.

### 2) Approval of February Agenda and January Meeting Minutes

- Quorum was met and the agenda/ meeting minutes were adopted

### 3) Election of CEAC 2018 Chair and Vice Chair

The floor was opened for nominations for CEAC Chair and Vice Chair for the one-year term of 2018. The request for nominations was announced at the January CEAC meeting and sent to all CEAC members via email in late January. No nominations were received via email prior to the February 7 meeting.

- Erin Niehoff nominated herself for Chair. There were no other nominations. Erin's nomination was adopted by the group. Erin Niehoff is the new CEAC Chair.
- Thomas Olsen nominated himself for Vice Chair. There were no other nominations. Tom's nomination was adopted and Thomas is the new CEAC Vice Chair.

### 4) 2018 Meeting Schedule

CEAC's current time is the first Wednesday of the month from 4-6PM. One known conflict is July 4, 2018. Need to decide whether to reschedule or cancel the meeting. The following suggestions were made:

- Potential alternative dates were offered including the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month from 3:30-5:30.
- Might be worth sending out a doodle to see what some other possible times to meet are.

- Ask members who are not in attendance whether current date/time is a challenge and whether another Wednesday or Thursday of the month would allow them to attend more regularly.
- Vote on 2018 schedule at March 7 meeting
- Will talk about July 4<sup>th</sup> meeting in June when we have a better idea of what the time will look like.

### 5) CEAC Working Groups Updates

- Energy/Air/Climate – This working group has been having conference calls every Thursday morning from 7:30am-8:30am
- Water “Pool Party” – no additional updates
- Overburdened Communities - not currently active
- Waste – no additional updates

### 6) Announcements

- Minneapolis is the first city in the nation to be PERC free in laundromats. See [City's press release](#).
- Minneapolis **City Trees** lottery open through March 9 – [sign up now!](#)
- **Minneapolis Green Cost Share** programs – application deadlines March 1, April 1, May 1 and June 1 (first come first serve)
- **Garden Lease** applications for community and market gardens due Feb 23
- **Free and reduced price compost** – application due by April 20 for spring compost deliveries.
- **Environmental Initiative 2018 awards** – nominations for 7 categories accepted through Feb 23
- **Minneapolis Community Connections Conference** – Saturday, Feb 10 from 8:45am-3:45pm at the Minneapolis Convention Center
- Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy (MCEA) **"Make Your Voice Heard at the Minnesota Legislature"** event for young environmental leaders at the State Capitol – Saturday, Feb 10. Join RegenerateMN for a Saturday afternoon tour of the Minnesota Capitol, a panel discussion with legislative experts on how to make your voice heard in St. Paul, and a post-panel chance to chat and network at a nearby brewery. Details are being finalized, so follow MCEA on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).
- Look for a mailing in the next few weeks from Solid Waste & Recycling that includes a survey on potential changes to align our practices with goals in the 2017 Zero Waste Plan. We want as many City customers as possible to respond!

### 7) Adjourn & Working Group Breakouts

Before adjourning the meeting, guests were asked to introduce themselves. Lena Jones, professor at MCTC brought her Intro to Public Policy students to attend the CEAC meeting to see how government Boards and Commissions worked. Following CEAC, City Clerk Casey Carl would be presenting about policy making at the City. Meeting was adjourned shortly before 6PM.

**Next Meeting: March 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 with one vacancy– Public Schools appointee)

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