

# Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting

Wednesday August 1, 4:00-6:00 PM  
Minneapolis City Hall Room 132

## Meeting Notes

**CEAC Attendees:** Erin Niehoff, Forrest Theisen, James Nash, Jen Kruse, Lisa Daniels, Michelle Shaw, Michelle Stockness, Tony Hainault

**CEAC Members unable to attend:** Allan Campbell, Andrew Murray, Bobbie Erichsen, Darrell Gerber, Ellen Kennedy, Jenna Grove, Jon Stenseth, Mohamed Yakub, Ricardo McCurley, Tom Olsen

**Staff:** Kelly Muellman, Luke Hollenkamp, Kim Havey

**Guests:** Kyle Samejima, Mike Luke, Sophia Manolis

### 1) Introductions

Chair, Erin Niehoff, opened the meeting. Quorum was not achieved, and therefore postponed approval of August Agenda and July Meeting Minutes.

Attendees introduced themselves around the room. The City's new Sustainability Manager, Kim Havey, provided a longer introduction. Kim is in his second week at the City, coming from the State of Minnesota Energy Office in the Department of Commerce. Kim previously worked for the City of Minneapolis from 1999-2003 and co-founded a sustainability consulting firm that has worked on LEED certification, green roofs and more throughout Minneapolis.

### 2) Announcements

- Free Home Energy Squad and 0% Financing for residents of Green Zones and households making less than \$94,300 annually. Funding is first-come first-serve until resources run out or through the end of 2018.
- Windustry is seeking volunteers for the Wind Energy Center at the State Fair. Contact Lisa Daniels if you are interested. Free ticket and t-shirt. [lisdaniels@windustry.org](mailto:lisdaniels@windustry.org)
- Minneapolis Climate Action is recruiting Compost Captains in NE Minneapolis. Contact Kyle Samejima. [kyle@mplsclimate.org](mailto:kyle@mplsclimate.org)

### 3) CEAC Working Group Updates

- Energy/Air/Climate Action – On hiatus after lots of activity in recent months. Recommend to all to read the recent New York Times Magazine story “Losing Earth” <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2018/08/01/magazine/climate-change-losing-earth.html>
- Water “Pool Party” – No recent activities. Lois Eberhart with the City retired. Should meet with Liz Stout to discuss opportunities. Also, Public Works is hiring a Green Infrastructure Coordinator to be shared across transportation and water divisions. See the City Jobs website: <http://minneapolismn.gov/jobs/opp/WCMS1Q-074686> Applications due August 12.
- Zero Waste – Met with Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling, identified a few opportunities to take action, including: comments on Hennepin County Recycling Ordinance update, and engaging residents and businesses in recycling and organics recycling.
- Community Engagement – This is a brand new committee lead by Michelle Shaw. The purpose of this group is to spread the knowledge of CEAC's existence to those in Minneapolis and help them understand what CEAC does (keeping in mind that CEAC members are volunteering, so time is limited). Some of the tactics that Michelle and Erin have identified include:
  - Updating the website (with City staff)
  - Creating a CEAC update for Ward newsletters and the City's policy update email
  - Setting up some meetings with Council Members in their wards
  - Making a list of speakers for 2019 that includes and goes beyond City staff

Please contact Michelle or Erin if you are interested in joining. Note: you do not have to be an appointed member of CEAC to participate in working groups. [cowl0044@umn.edu](mailto:cowl0044@umn.edu) or [trickywickshaw@hotmail.com](mailto:trickywickshaw@hotmail.com)

Erin provided an update on responses to recent comment letters sent from CEAC on the downtown office building from the City's Chief Financial Officer, Mark Ruff, and Council Member Andrew Johnson. She will forward these responses to CEAC membership.

#### **4) CEAC Enabling Resolution discussion (Erin Niehoff, Chair)**

Erin provided a recap of CEAC's July 11 meeting and described the edits made to the draft Enabling Resolution update based on discussion and input. The clean copy of the latest version is available here:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1J-tiVM979xiDPIK0uCm-lwIO9paFMi17C2FdFPMPVw/edit>

Comments from CEAC included:

- Strengthen CEAC's charge to influence and directly report to City Council (not City staff)
- Remove language that says policy, programs and projects are referred to CEAC by City staff
- If CEAC is going to attract members, people need to know what CEAC is advising on. (meeting in community; updating website; etc.) Ask people what they think about issues (e.g., EV). Attraction vs. recruitment.
- Inclusion: discussion of whether to include direct language on inclusion of specific populations or to refer to larger citywide policy/language from Neighborhood and Community Relations
- Suggestion to hold CEAC meetings in the community
- City Council should be more involved in recruitment of CEAC members
- Comment from multiple: most CEAC members have been residents, regardless of whether they held Advocacy, Technical Expert, Industry or Agency positions
- Add definitions of CEAC seats (if assigning seats for specific expertise)

Please send edits to Erin or Kelly before the Sept 5 meeting. At the Sept 5 meeting CEAC will need to take a vote on the Resolution to go to City Council on Sept 14.

#### **5) Adjourn**

**Next Meeting: September 5, 4:00-6:00PM City Hall Room 132**  
September: CEAC enabling resolution updates - vote

City Council's **Public Health, Environment, Civil Rights and Community Engagement (PECE)** Committee (typically meets 1:30PM, every other Monday)  
Quorum: 9 (19 members, including one vacancy – Public Schools appointee)  
<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/sustainability/teams/ceac-meetings>