

Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting

Wednesday September 5, 4:00-6:00 PM
Minneapolis City Hall Room 132

Meeting Notes

CEAC Attendees: Allan Campbell, Andrew Murray, Darrell Gerber, Erin Niehoff, Jenna Grove, Jennifer Kruse, Jon Stenseth, Lisa Daniels, Michelle Shaw, Michelle Stockness, Tom Olsen, Tony Hainault

CEAC Members unable to attend: Bobbie Erichsen, Ellen Kennedy, Forrest Theisen, James Nash, Mohamed Yakub, Ricardo McCurley

Staff: Kelly Muellman

Guests: Kyle Samejima, Mike Luke

1) Introductions and approval of September Agenda and July and August Meeting Minutes

Quorum was met by 4:10pm. Erin opened the meeting with introductions. Darrell moved and Jon seconded a motion to approve the September Agenda and July and August Meeting Minutes. Motion was approved unanimously.

2) Announcements

- **Applications for CEAC 2019-2020** are due by October 5th. All current members must reapply.
 - Complete the [Application Form \(pdf\)](#) and the [Voluntary Demographic Questionnaire \(pdf\)](#).
 - Send completed forms to openappointments@minneapolismn.gov
- **Rise for Climate, Jobs, & Justice Summit**
Saturday, September 8, 12-4PM
East Phillips Community Center, 2315 S 17th Ave
<https://www.facebook.com/events/503538163428606/>
- **Upper Harbor Terminal Open House** w/ Council Member Cunningham
Saturday, September 8, 11am-1pm
North Regional Library, 1315 Lowry Ave. N
- **Jammin' for Justice on the Upper Harbor**
Saturday, September 22, 2-6PM
Upper Harbor Terminal – Mississippi Mushrooms
<https://www.facebook.com/events/209131753090815/>
- **Twin Cities Veg Fest**
Sunday, September 16, 11am-5pm
Harriet Island Regional Park (St Paul)
<https://www.facebook.com/events/581930428871017/>
- Council Member Gordon has indicated interest in bringing the **Bring Your Own Bag ordinance** back. This would institute the fee on carry-out one-time-use bags. I will keep CEAC informed as this develops and let you know if there are opportunities for you to get involved!
- City staff leading the planning for the new City **Public Service Building** the provided the following response to CEAC's letter:
"I have been given the direction to include triple pane glass on the first two floors and the double height spaces for the new building. I have also been given the direction to proceed with the PV panels on the roof 12. Both of these additions to scope will now become part of the base project. Additional funding has been authorized by Mark Ruff. Also, to respond to the other concerns from CEAC we will be adding additional recycling stations on the floors but will not be pursuing electric heating systems."

3) CEAC Enabling Resolution discussion (Erin Niehoff, Chair)

Erin presented a recap of the past CEAC meetings (March-July) where there was discussion about CEAC purpose, values and possible changes to the enabling Resolution. Erin discussed the changes made to the enabling Resolution based on CEAC discussion and input. There was further discussion of the Whereas and Be it Resolved clauses.

These are the group changes that were made (changes in underline or strike through, with an explanation in italics):

- "Whereas, the City Council passes resolutions and policies aimed at improving health and supporting economic development using environmentally conscious efforts citywide and especially in communities that face the cumulative effects of environmental pollution..."
Changed to reflect that policies are implemented citywide that improve health and support economic development, not just communities that face environmental pollution.
- "Whereas, ~~since~~ the City's appointed Boards and Commissions provide an opportunity to hear directly from residents and stakeholders, and ~~those most impacted by environmental pollution should have the most seats at these formal tables;~~
~~Whereas,~~ policy decisions are improved through local knowledge and increased buy-in in impacted communities, which can leads to more effective implementation and community empowerment for positive change;"
Changed to remove duplication of points in the clauses.

In the Be It Further Resolved Clauses:

- "The CEAC membership should represent those who live and work within the City of Minneapolis, inclusive of ~~with intentional inclusion of, but not limited to,~~ Indigenous persons....hold knowledge and expertise on issues related to the environment and environmental justice. Recruitment will be consistent with the equity recommendations of the City's Neighborhood Community Relations. The CEAC shall consist of 19 members appointed as follows:
Changed to reflect the work of the NCR on improving equity and diversity in City representation.
- "~~13~~4 residents, ~~13~~ appointed by the City Council, ~~one from each ward, and 1 appointed by the Mayor,~~ who are general community representatives and residents of the City, with a goal of balanced representation across wards;"
- "65 persons from environmental advocacy, business, industry and/or public agencies, technical, or policy advisors ~~from~~ to be appointed by the Mayor, with a variety of professional, technical, and policy expertise across topics, including environmental justice, air, energy, waste, and water."
There was general agreement that residents (general community members) should have over half of the seats. There was a lot of discussion on this, ranging from 10:9, 11:8, and finally 13:6. The group settled on 13 residents and 6 advocacy/technical/advisors because there are 13 wards. Kelly and Kim have stated that they are not worried about having fewer appointees from the Mayor's office, instead of half and half like the 2013 resolution.
- "All members ~~shall serve no more than three consecutive 2-year terms and replacement of these members~~ shall be nominated and appointed for 2 year terms in accordance with the City's Open Appointment process, as set forth in the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Section 14.180. Appointed members ~~may~~shall be replaced following the Open Appointment process if they miss three consecutive monthly meetings without contacting the CEAC member chair, vice chair, or City staff person."
The group reached general agreement that new membership should be up to the Council and

that term limits should not be needed. We clarified how a member would be replaced (should they be unresponsive).

A few CEAC members had to leave before 6pm, and Tom and Erin offered to send the final edits out via email for an electronic vote so that everyone had an opportunity to vote.

4) Adjourn

Next Meeting: October 3, 4:00-6:00PM City Hall Room 132

October speakers/topic: tbd

City Council's **P**ublic Health, **E**nvironment, **C**ivil Rights and **C**ommunity **E**ngagement (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>