

Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting

Wednesday October 3, 4:00-6:00 PM
Minneapolis City Hall Room 132

Meeting Notes

CEAC Attendees: Bobbie Erichsen, Darrell Gerber, Erin Niehoff, Forrest Theisen, Jennifer Kruse, Michelle Shaw, Tom Olsen, Tony Hainault

CEAC Members unable to attend: Allan Campbell, Andrew Murray, Ellen Kennedy, James Nash, Jenna Grove, Jon Stenseth, Lisa Daniels, Michelle Stockness, Mohamed Yakub, Ricardo McCurley

Staff: Kelly Muellman, Kim Havey, Mary Timm

Guests: Kyle Samejima, Mike Luke

1) Introductions

CEAC Chair Erin Niehoff opened the meeting, noting that there was no quorum to approve agenda or minutes. Attendees went around the room and introduced themselves by name, length of time on CEAC, whether they are connected to environmental work in their professions, and their passion or interest on CEAC.

2) Announcements

- Applications for 2019-2020 CEAC are due by Friday October 5:
<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings/WCMSP-194564>
- Litter Be Gone – October 4-13 (see below)
- Council Member Gordon is seeking CEAC members interested in weighing in on updates to Bring Your Own Bag ordinance. I will be sending an email to Forrest, Andrew, Michelle Shaw and Bobbie to schedule a meeting with CM Gordon. *If you would also like to be included, please let Kelly know asap.*
- CEE Hiring Community Energy Program Manager
<https://www.mncee.org/employment/#community>
- 0% Financing for Air Sealing & Insulation available to all Minneapolis households through the end of the year. Call 612.335.5884 or visit MNLENDINGCENTER.ORG/MPLS to get started.
- Meet the Valve Turners event – Friday 6-8PM
- Hennepin County's public hearing on the Recycling Resolution had good turnout and mostly positive feedback. Thank you to Kyle Samejima from Minneapolis Climate Action and Dave Herberholz from the City of Minneapolis for speaking at the public hearing.
- Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan has been released for final review. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on October 29, and the City Council will hold a public hearing the week of November 12. The City Council is expected to vote on the Comprehensive Plan in December before submitting the plan to the Metropolitan Council. More information on the time and location of the public hearing will be released at a later date.

New citywide initiative to clean up litter



Residents of Minneapolis are invited to participate in [Litter Be Gone](http://www.litterbegone.org), a community-wide litter cleanup event taking place October 4th through October 13th, 2018. Volunteers will pick up litter on their blocks, boulevards, sidewalks, streets, alleys and community green spaces to make the streets clean before the leaves fall and snow begins to fly. Participants in team events will receive special offers and discounts from neighborhood businesses. Individuals may also request supplies to clean up on their own. Litter Be Gone events are being organized by neighborhood associations in all 11 Minneapolis neighborhood communities, with support from the Alliance for Sustainability, the City of Minneapolis, and other partners as part of the Clean City initiative.

Sign up to participate at www.litterbegone.org. Follow @LitterBeGone on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Share your clean up efforts using #cleanMpls18

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

CEAC did not reach quorum, so there was no further action on the CEAC resolution changes. The [latest version](#) is from last month. CEAC held an online vote following the September 5 meeting that had a majority but not unanimous support in favor of these changes. Online votes that are not unanimous do not pass. This will be reflected in the presentation to Council.

The plan is to present to City Council on October 22 at the Public Health, Environment, Civil Rights and Engagement (PECE) committee. Meeting starts at 1:30PM in City Hall Council Chambers (room 317). CEAC Chair Erin Niehoff and Kelly Muellman will give the presentation. They will present a summary of the past 6 months of conversation on CEAC values, goals and membership structure. They will present a comparison between the current enabling Resolution and the proposed changes. They will be clear that the online vote did not pass because it was not unanimous.

Staff will also provide their recommendations to City Council, which are in favor of the changes to the Resolution. City Council will then have the opportunity to make an informed decision on whether to make changes to the CEAC enabling resolution.

If you have specific concerns that you want represented in the presentation to Council, please notify Erin or Kelly by Monday, October 15.

4) CEAC Working Group Updates

- Energy/Air/Climate Action – No update
- Water “Pool Party” – No update
- Zero Waste – No update
- Community Engagement – Michelle Shaw, Erin Niehoff and Kelly Muellman attended the Jammin’ for Justice event at the Upper Harbor Terminal on Saturday, September 22. Thank you to Kyle Samejima for her working on organizing the event with the other sponsors. Community Engagement has also been connecting with Council offices to include a blurb about CEAC recruitment in their newsletters. Some Council office have shown interest in regular CEAC updates for their newsletters, as well as potentially hosting environmental forums in their Wards in 2019. Interested Council members include Gordon, Reich, Goodman, Fletcher and Warsame. Community Engagement is also working with Kelly on edits to the [CEAC webpage](#) to make it more useful and informative.

5) Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned early and no working group break-outs were held.

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

November 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>