

# Community Environmental Advisory Commission

## Regular Meeting

March 7, 2019 -- 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Minneapolis Central Library, Doty Board Room, 300 Nicollet Mall

Commission Members: Allan Campbell, Anthony Varriano, Brady Steigauf, Cody Welchlin, David Watts, Erin Niehoff, Forrest Theisen, Jason Alvey, Jimmy Randolph, Katie Hill Brandt, Lisa Daniels, Marianna Hefte, Michelle Shaw, Molly Ellis, Nicholas Minderman, Nichole Bauknight, Sandy Fazeli, Thomas Olsen, Tim Sexton (Quorum 10)

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### **6:00 Call to Order & Introductions**

*As we meet here today, we are reminded that Minneapolis is situated on the homelands of the Dakota people. An area that is steeped in rich Indigenous history, and today is home to Indigenous people from more than 30 different nations. As a City, we have a responsibility to care for the land on which we live and work and all of its natural surroundings. This stewardship is an integral part of our involvement in this commission, and we honor it as we begin our meeting.*

### **6:10 Adoption of the Agenda & Acceptance of Minutes of January 3, 2019**

### **6:15 Election:** Chair and Vice-Chair for 2019

### **6:30 Presentation:** Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance – Council Member Gordon

### **7:00 Discussion:** Forming Subcommittees

- Air quality
- Climate & Energy – 100% renewable electricity
  - Carbon sequestration
  - Building weatherization: investigate worthwhile investments in Existing Energy Infrastructure Improvements (EEII), including home energy audits, insulation, doors and windows, etc.
- Sustainable transportation
  - Minneapolis 2040 – Bloomberg ACCC
  - Lessen the City's reliance on internal combustion engines
  - Cross-committee collaboration: Implement modal priorities
  - Modal priority framework
    - Making the environmental case
- Climate and food systems
- Pollinators and Rain gardens
- Environmental Justice/ Environmental Equity (use as a lens throughout, but important topics below that should still be addressed)
  - Be mindful of opportunities and who benefits
  - Climate justice/activism

- Upper Harbor Terminal
- Community beautification
- Community engagement
  - Survey--Receive input from the public and the residents in the area
- Green workforce
- Zero Waste
  - "Bring your own bag" ordinance
- Bylaw updates

### 7:30 Unfinished Business / Updates:

- Upper Harbor Terminal
- 100% Renewable Resolution - Roadmap for implementation
- Green Fleet Strategy Update
- Energy Efficiency – new City office building, Energy Disclosure ordinances
- Roof Depot / Hiawatha Campus Expansion

### 7:45 Announcements

- Minneapolis City Tree program: sign up for the lottery by March 13th [treetrust.org/get-a-tree/mpis-tree-distribution-copy/](http://treetrust.org/get-a-tree/mpis-tree-distribution-copy/)
- Transportation Action Plan: series of engagement activities and events. **Provide your input and feedback on our interactive website** Check out the new Minneapolis Transportation Action Plan website [go.minneapolismn.gov/](http://go.minneapolismn.gov/) to learn more and provide feedback.
- Hennepin County grants for recycling and solid waste (commercial and multifamily): [www.hennepin.us/businessrecycling](http://www.hennepin.us/businessrecycling) Applications due Feb 15, May 1, August 1, November 1)
- Changes to materials accepted for recycling
  - **No #6 plastics** (polystyrene: rigid or foam)
  - **No black plastics** (any number)
- Green To Go exemptions end April 22, 2019
- The Subcommittee on Local Government the House met on Wednesday, March 6th at 9:45am to discuss a bill that would repeal the plastic bag ban preemption.
- For those interested in Electric Vehicles, MnDot recently released a plan for accelerating EV adoption in MN. Our fellow member Tim Sexton is an author! Thanks Tim! You can read the plan [HERE](#)
- Climate change workshop happening on March 26, 5:30-7:30pm. "Personal Adaptation: Accelerate Your Climate Coherent Learning Curve" at Peace Coffee, 3262 Minnehaha Avenue, Minneapolis. Event details here: <https://shopjunket.com/event/personal-adaptation-accelerate-your-climate-coherent-learning-curve-peace-coffee-wonderland-park-530-730-pm/>
- MPRB: [Above the Falls Plan](#) 45 day comment period

### 8:00 Adjournment

**Next Meeting:** April 4, 2019 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Location: Phillips Community Center, 2323 11<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Minneapolis

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