



Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting

February 10, 2026 at 7 p.m.
Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Avenue NE

Agenda

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approve the Minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission meeting of January 13, 2026

New Business

2. Election of 2026 Vice Chair of the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission
3. Natural Resources Update

Old Business

4. Streets for All Plan Update
5. Energy Action Plan Updates
6. Grant Update
7. Outreach and Event Update

Other Items

8. Informal Status Reports

Adjournment

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AGENDA REPORT



Meeting Date: February 10, 2026
Meeting Type: Environmental Quality and Energy Commission
Submitted By: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner
Title: Approve the Minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission meeting of January 13, 2026

Background

Approve the Minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission meeting of January 13, 2026.

Recommendation

Staff recommend that the commission approve the minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission meeting of January 13, 2026.

Attachments and Other Resources

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1. January 13, 2026 Environmental Quality Energy Commission Meeting Minutes

Vision Statement

We believe Fridley will be a safe, vibrant, friendly, and stable home for families and businesses.



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

January 13, 2026

6:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Ave N.E.

MINUTES

Call to Order

Chair Klemz called the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission to order at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Aaron Klemz
Sam Stoxen
Emma Carter
Mark Hansen
Avonna Starck

Justin Foell

Dustin Norman

Absent:

Others Present: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner
Wally Wysopal, City Manager
Jim Kosluchar, Director of Public Works
Brandon Brodhag, Assistant City Engineer
Patrick Faber, Deputy Director of Police
Owen Lanrud, Communications
Aaron Bartling, Bolton and Menk
Patrick Vescio, Councilmember-At-Large
Luke Cardona, Councilmember Ward 1
Ryan Evanson, Councilmember Ward 2
Ann Bolkcom, Councilmember Ward 3

Approval of Agenda

Motion Starck by Commissioner to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Norman. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of October 14, 2025 Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioners noted a misspelling of Commissioner Carter's last name. Motion by Commissioner Foell to approve the October 14, 2025 meeting minutes with the spelling corrected. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

2. Streets for All Action Plan

Ms. Workin introduced the Streets for All process which will result in a new roadway safety action plan as part of the Safe Streets for All Program as well as updates to the City's Active Transportation Plan. Aaron Bartling with Bolton and Menk guided the group through a discussion about the project and gathered commissioner's feedback on data needs and goals for the program.

3. Winter Salt Week Proclamation

Ms. Workin said that each year communities across the midwest hold a Winter Salt Week to acknowledge the environmental harm caused by oversalting and share strategies to reduce chloride pollution. Last year, the EQEC recommended the Council issue a proclamation recognizing Winter Salt Week. This year, Winter Salt Week will be held the week of January 26th. Ms. Workin shared a draft proclamation

Motion by Commissioner Foell to approve the draft proclamation language and recommend that the City Council recognize January 26-30 as Winter Salt Week. Seconded by Commissioner Norman. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

4. Energy Action Plan Updates

Ms. Workin said that the solar installation at Moore Lake was live as was the EV Charger. She said that the Public Works array will be live soon. The City will be promoting energy programs at the Homeowner Open House on February 12.

5. Grant Updates

Ms. Workin said that the City received an additional forestry grant.

1. Outreach and Event Updates

Ms. Workin said that the Sustainable Fridley Awards were a success. Upcoming events are included in the packet.

Other Items

2. Informal Status Reports

Commissioner Klemz shared that he met with staff and councilmembers to discuss the lift station project.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Stoxen to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Foell. The Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Workin
Environmental Planner

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Meeting Date: February 10, 2026
Meeting Type: Environmental Quality and Energy Commission
Submitted By: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner
Title: Election of 2026 Vice Chair of the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission

Background

The vice chair for the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission must be elected each year. The vice chair serves a one-year term and is responsible for chairing commission meetings when the chair is unavailable.

Recommendation

Staff recommend that the commission nominate and select a vice chair.

Attachments and Other Resources

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Meeting Date: February 10, 2026
Meeting Type: Environmental Quality and Energy Commission
Submitted By: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner
Title: Natural Resources Update

Background

The City of Fridley has received multiple grants to support its management of natural resources and improvements to our urban forest. Staff will provide an update on work done to date and provide an overview for work planned in 2026. Staff will also present on a DNR Community Planting Program grant and ReLEAF grant application.

Recommendation

Staff recommend the approval of the Community Planting Program and ReLEAF grant applications.

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Meeting Date: February 10, 2026
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Submitted By: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner
Title: Streets for All Plan Update

Background

Staff will provide an update on the Streets for All Plan.

Recommendation

For informational purposes only.

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Meeting Date: February 10, 2026
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Submitted By: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner
Title: Energy Action Plan Updates

Background

At the November 9, 2021 meeting, the EQEC recommended adoption of Phase 2 of the Energy Action Plan. The following activities were completed since the previous EQEC Meeting:

- Solar array on Public Works went live

The following activities are projected to occur:

- Solar array on Water Treatment Plant #3 to be installed
- Solar array on Commons Park Building to be installed
- Solar charging benches to be installed at Commons Park

Recommendation

For informational purposes only.

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Meeting Date: February 10, 2026
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Submitted By: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner
Title: Grant Update

Background

Grants in the Pre-Application Stage

Grants Under Review

- EV Charger at Commons Park
- Mississippi Library Branch Seed Library (Anoka County Libraries)
- Mississippi River Regional Trail Resurfacing (Anoka County Parks)
- Mississippi River Regional Trail Extension

Active Grants

- Recycling grant (ongoing)
- MnDOT Active Transportation grant for University Avenue Trails
- 2024 DNR ReLeaf Grant
- Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning Grant to create a Safety Action Plan
- DNR Shade Tree Grant
- Met Council Regional Solicitation Grant for 44th Avenue Bridge w/ Anoka County
- Met Council Water Efficiency Grant pt 4
- Solar for Public Buildings Grant for Moore Lake
- Regional Solicitation Grant- Safe Routes to School
- BWSR Pollinator Pathways Grant with ACD
- MPCA- Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Grants for Moore Lake Stormwater Retrofit Analysis Update in partnership with RCWD
- MPCA Climate Resilience Implementation Grant for Commons Park
- Met Council Water Efficiency Grant (Equity Focus) for water efficient toilet replacement at Park Plaza
- Solar for Public Buildings Grant for Commons Park
- Solar for Public Buildings Grant for Public Works
- 2026 Street Project Rain Gardens
- Solar on Public Buildings Grant for Water Treatment Plant 3
- DNR Community Planting Grant
- 2025 DNR ReLEAF Grant

Grants Closed (1/1/2026+)

- Local Climate Action Grant for an EV Charger at Moore Lake Park

Recommendation

For informational purposes only.

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Meeting Date: February 10, 2026
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Submitted By: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner
Title: Outreach and Event Update

Background

Outreach at community events is an important strategy to build environmental awareness and increase engagement. Events that have been completed since the last meeting as well as upcoming outreach events are listed below.

Completed events (1/13-12/10)

- Sewing Machine Cleaning Class (2/5)
- Winterfest (2/7)

Confirmed events and topics

- Homeowner Program Open House (2/12)
- Amazon Paint Tour (2/19)
- Seed Swap (3/7)
- Environmental Fun Fair (5/2)

Potential Upcoming Events

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Recommendation

For informational purposes only.

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Meeting Date: February 10, 2026
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Submitted By: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner
Title: Informal Status Reports

Background

Staff and Commissioners will share informal status reports on programs happening in the City.

Recommendation

For informational purposes only.

Attachments and Other Resources

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