



# Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting

May 19, 2026 at 7 p.m.  
Fridley Civic Campus 7071 University Avenue NE

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## Agenda

### Call to Order

### Approval of Agenda

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approve the Minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting of March 10, 2026

### New Business

2. Safe Streets For All Action Plan, Policy Advisory Commission Meeting #2

### Old Business

3. Energy Action Plan Updates
4. Grant Updates
5. Outreach and Event Updates

### Other Items

6. Informal Status Updates

### Adjournment

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# AGENDA REPORT

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**Meeting Date:** May 19, 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 March 10, 2026

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## Background

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Approve the Minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting of March 10, 2026.

## Recommendation

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Staff recommend that the commission approve the minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting of March 10, 2026.

## Attachments and Other Resources

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1. Environmental Quality Energy Commission 2026 03 10

### Vision Statement

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# ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

March 10, 2026

7:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Ave N.E.

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## MINUTES

### **Call to Order**

Chair Klemz called the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission to order at 7:03 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

Present: Aaron Klemz  
Dustin Norman  
Emma Carter  
Avonna Starck  
Justin Foell

Absent: Sam Stoxen  
Mark Hansen

Others Present: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

1. Approval of February 10 Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Norman to approve the February 10, 2026 meeting minutes with the corrected time and spelling of Commissioner Carter's name. Seconded by Commissioner Carter. The motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

2. Active Transportation Plan Review

Ms. Workin reviewed the current Active Transportation Plan. Commissioners discussed proposed changes in anticipation of a planned update.

3. Memorandum of Understanding with Xcel Energy for Phase Three of the Partners in Energy Program.

Ms. Workin shared an overview of the City's involvement in the Partners in Energy program and discussed a proposed Memorandum of Understanding for Xcel Energy to provide additional planning support in anticipation of the 2050 Comprehensive Plan as well as additional implementation support.

Motion by Commissioner Carter to recommend the signing of the MOU. Seconded by Commissioner Norman. The motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

4. Streets for All

Ms. Workin provided an update on the Streets for All project.

5. Energy Action Plan Updates

Ms. Workin said that the Homeowner Open House was successful.

6. Grant Updates

Ms. Workin said that the 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge was now open.

7. Outreach and Event Updates

Ms. Workin said that the Seed Swap was successful.

**Other Items**

8. Informal Status Reports

Chair Klemz shared a letter to state representatives regarding the Met Council L32 lift station project that residents can sign.

Ms. Workin shared that there was a Superfund Citizens Advisory Group meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Ms. Workin shared that the Locke Park GAC project will be starting this spring.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Commissioner Carter to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Norman. The Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rachel Workin  
Environmental Planner



# AGENDA REPORT

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**Submitted By:**  
**Title:** Safe Streets For All Action Plan, Policy Advisory Commission Meeting #2

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## Background

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As authorized under Resolution 2023-70, the City applied for and received a federal Safe Streets and Road for All (SS4A) grant to create a safety action plan to help prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries amongst all transportation network users. This plan will be informed by public and policymaker feedback, local traffic data, previous planning efforts completed by MnDOT and Anoka County, and SS4A best practices. The plan will be used to help guide the City's Capital Investment Program, city code, and updates to the Active Transportation Plan and Transportation chapter of the 2050 Comprehensive Plan, amongst other initiatives. As part of the planning process, a Policy Advisory Commission (PAC) comprised of the City Council and Environmental Quality and Energy Commission was formed.

The PAC held their first meeting on January 13, 2026 and discussed overall project goals and the approach to public engagement. During this meeting, the City's consultant will share an update on work done to date, a summary of public engagement, and discussion of the plan's leadership commitment.

## Recommendation

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Staff recommend that the City Council and EQEC provide feedback on the Safe Streets for All Action Plan.

## Attachments and Other Resources

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**Submitted By:** Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner  
**Title:** Energy Action Plan Updates

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## Background

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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:

- EV Charger grant application for Commons Park approved
- Planning for summer outreach event at Fridley Terrace initiated

The following activities are projected to occur:

- Solar array on Water Treatment Plant #3 to be installed
- Solar array on Commons Park to be installed
- Solar charging benches to be installed at Commons Park
- EV Charger at Commons Park to be installed
- Summer outreach at Fridley Terrace

## Recommendation

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For discussion only.

## Attachments and Other Resources

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**Title:** Grant Updates

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## Background

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### Grants in the Pre-Application Stage

- None
- Active Transportation Plan grant for Gardena Avenue Trail

### Grants Under Review

- Met Council Water Efficiency Grant pt 5
- Mississippi River Regional Trail Resurfacing (Anoka County Parks)
- Anoka County SCORE Bonus grant for textile and mattress recycling
- Sylvan Hills Art Bench

### Active Grants

- Recycling grant (ongoing)
- 2024 DNR ReLeaf Grant
- Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning Grant to create a Safety Action Plan
- DNR Shade Tree Grant
- Met Council Water Efficiency Grant pt 4
- Regional Solicitation Grant- Safe Routes to School
- 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
- 2026 Street Project Rain Gardens (now a hydrodynamic separator)
- Solar on Public Buildings Grant for Water Treatment Plant 3
- DNR Community Planting Grant
- 2025 DNR ReLEAF Grant
- Well Sealing Grant

- CCWD grant for Ice Breaker for ice free trail maintenance
  
- Grants Closed (1/1/2026+)
- Local Climate Action Grant for an EV Charger at Moore Lake Park
- Met Council Regional Solicitation Grant for 44th Avenue Bridge w/ Anoka County
- Solar for Public Buildings Grant for Moore Lake
- Solar for Public Buildings Grant for Public Works
- BWSR Pollinator Pathways Grant with ACD
- Mississippi Library Branch Seed Library (Anoka County Libraries)

## **Recommendation**

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For discussion only.

## **Attachments and Other Resources**

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**Title:** Outreach and Event Updates

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## Background

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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 (3/10/26-5/19/26)

- Toy Swap Environmental Fun Fair (5/2)

Confirmed events and topics

- Gardena Avenue Trail Improvements open house (6/2)
- Water Bar at Creative Flow opening reception for Shared Currents opening reception (6/18)
- Rice Creek Watershed District Shoreline planting workshop at Moore Lake Park (6/23)
- Clothing Swap and Textile Recycling (7/28)
- Touch a Truck (8/18)
- Comp Plan Workshops- Climate and Natural Resources (9/8)
- Comp Plan Workshops- Climate and Natural Resources (9/19)

Potential events

- Tree planting workshop
- Moore Lake planting event

## Recommendation

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For discussion only.

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**Title:** Informal Status Updates

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## **Background**

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

## **Recommendation**

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For discussion only.

## **Attachments and Other Resources**

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