



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

August 12, 2025

7:00 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 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Aaron Klemz

Sam Stoxen

Emma Carter

Mark Hansen

Justin Foell

Absent: Avonna Starck

Dustin Norman

Others Present: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Stoxen to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of July 8, 2025 Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Stoxen to approve the July 8, 2025 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Carter. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

2. Recycling and Organics Contract Extension

At the May 13 EQEC meeting, the EQEC recommended that staff pursue three-year contract extensions for the organics and recycling contracts expiring on April 30, 2026. Contract language was developed based on the extension pricing.

Motion by Commissioner Foell to approve the amendment to extend the recycling and organics contracts. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. The motion carried unanimously.

3. 2026 Meeting Dates

Ms. Workin shared the proposed 2026 meeting dates.

Motion by Commissioner Hansen to approve the 2026 meeting dates included in the packet. Seconded by Commissioner Stoxen. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Appointment of Non-Voting Youth Member

Ms. Workin shared that the City was interested in appointing non-voting youth members to different commissions as allowed under code.

Old Business

5. Sustainable Fridley Awards

Ms. Workin shared the website for submitting the Sustainable Fridley Awards and that staff would begin promoting the awards in September. She will bring the nominees to the October meeting.

6. Energy Action Plan Updates

Ms. Workin shared that the City had done an outreach event at Park Plaza Co-Operative during Night to Unite and that the council approved the grants for solar at Commons Park and the Public Works building. She also said the Partners in Energy 2024 Program summary was in the packet. Highlights include increasing renewable energy program participation and business energy assessments.

7. Outreach and Event Updates

Ms. Workin shared that the City has scheduled multiple pollinator planting events in the fall.

8. Grant Updates

Ms. Workin shared that there were no additional grant updates.

Other Items

9. Informal Status Reports

Ms. Workin reminded the commissioners that instead of the September EQEC meeting there will be a bike ride leaving at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Hansen to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Foell. The Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Workin
Environmental Planner