



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

April 11, 2023

7:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Ave N.E.

MINUTES

Call to Order

Vice Chair Olberding called the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Amy Dritz
Nick Olberding
Justin Foell
Aaron Klemz
Mark Hansen
Heidi Ferris

Absent: Sam Stoxen

Others Present: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Klemz to approve the meeting agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Olberding. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of March 14, 2023 Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Klemz to approve the March 14, 2023 meeting minutes. seconded by Commissioner Stoxen. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

2. Chair Election

Ms. Workin announced that Commissioner Dritz had stepped down as chair of the EQEC. The Commissioners thanked Commissioner Dritz for her service.

Motion by Commissioner Dritz to nominate Commissioner Klemz to serve as chair. Seconded by Commissioner Foell. The motion carried unanimously.

3. GreenStep Cities 2022 Metric Review

Ms. Workin presented the City's 2022 GreenStep City submittal. She shared that the City would be awarded Step 5 status at the League of Minnesota Cities conference in June.

Old Business

4. Energy Action Plan updates

Ms. Workin shared that the WindUp Challenge was ongoing but hadn't seen as many sign ups as the first round. Ms. Workin

5. Grant updates

Ms. Workin shared that the City was awarded another round of grant funding for Preparing for Emerald Ash Borer.

6. Outreach and Event updates

Ms. Workin shared that no outreach and events had been conducted the previous month, but that the Environmental Fun Fair was scheduled for April 22.

Other Items

7. Digital Collaboration Brainstorming

Commissioner Olberding suggested that the EQEC consider platforms for digital collaboration to increase community feedback and awareness of sustainability issues. Commissioners were asked to look for examples of existing platforms to share with the group.

8. Informal Status Reports

Commissioner Ferris shared that she would be partnering with Stevenson Elementary on native planting projects.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Foell to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. The Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.