



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

December 13, 2022

7:00 PM

Fireside Room, Fridley Civic Campus

MINUTES

Call to Order

VICE CHAIR Olberding called the commission to order at 7:03 PM

Present

Sam Stoxen
Aaron Klemz
Nick Olberding
Mark Hansen
Justin Foell
Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Commissioner Hansen to APPROVE the December 13, 2022 meeting agenda. SECONDED by Commissioner Stoxen. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. MOTION by Commissioner Klemz to APPROVE the September 13, 2022 meeting minutes. SECONDED by Commissioner Foell. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

New Business

2. University Avenue Service Road Trail Project

Ms. Workin provided background on the City's application for an Active Transportation Infrastructure grant to construct a trail on the westside of University Avenue between 61st Avenue and 69th Avenue.

MOTION by Commissioner Foell to APPROVE a letter of support for the grant application to construct a shared multi-use trail on the westside of University Avenue between 61st Avenue and 69th Avenue. SECONDED by Commissioner Klemz. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

3. 61st Avenue Parklet

Ms. Workin provided background on the City's application for a streetside activation project at the 61st Avenue parcel.

MOTION by Commissioner Foell to APPROVE a letter of support for the grant application to construct a streetside activation project at the 61st Avenue parklet. SECONDED by Commissioner Hansen. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Old Business

4. Energy Action Plan updates

Ms. Workin shared that the City partnered with Center for Energy and Environment to conduct outreach to 75 properties on lighting and HVAC rebates. She also shared that the insulation rebate program has been successful- 18 insulation rebates have been issued in 2022 as compared to 4 in 2021. CEE is also estimated 70 home energy squad visits to be completed by the end of the year as compared to 38 energy squad visits in 2021. The rental division added a PHEV Ford Escape to its fleet and has been well liked.

5. Event and Outreach updates

Ms. Workin shared that the Environmental Fun Fair will be on April 22nd.

6. Grant updates

Ms. Workin shared that construction was underway at the Moore Lake Filter project. Commissioners recommended providing more information to the public through the City's website. Ms. Workin also said that the Met Council would be considering approval for the 44th Avenue bridge at their 12/14 meeting.

Other Items

7. Planning Commission updates

Commissioner Hansen provided updates on Planning Commission meetings.

8. Informal Status Reports

Ms. Workin shared that Coon Creek Watershed District is looking for residents interested in hosting rain gauges and reporting results periodically through a Google Form in order to estimate how big of a rainfall starts to cause flooding issues; however, it was determined that none of the commissioners present live in the Coon Creek Watershed District.

Commissioner Foell shared updates from the Resilient Cities Social Hour.

Commissioner Klemz shared that the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy would be working to support the passage of the Smart Salting bill again.

Adjournment

MOTION by Commissioner Hansen to adjourn the meeting SECONDED by Commissioner Foell. The MOTION PASSED unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.