



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY COMMISSION

December 14, 2021

7:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Ave N.E.

AGENDA

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approve the Minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission meeting of November 9, 2021.

New Business

2. 2022 Outreach Events

Old Business

3. Energy Action Plan Updates
4. Climate Resiliency Planning Grant

Other Items

5. 2022 Speaker Topics

Adjournment



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: December 14, 2021

Meeting Type: Environmental Quality and Energy (EQEC) Commission

Submitted By: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Title

Approve the Minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission meeting of November 9, 2021.

Background

Attached are the Minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission meeting of November 9, 2021.

Recommendation

Approve the Minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission meeting of November 9, 2021.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Minutes- November 9, 2021.

Vision Statement

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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY COMMISSION

Fridley Municipal Center, 7071 University Ave Ne

MINUTES

November 9, 2021

Item 1.

Location: City of Fridley Civic Campus, Fireside Room

Call to Order

Commissioner Olberding called the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Sam Stoxen, Justin Foell, Nick Olberding, Mark Hansen, Heidi Ferris

Absent: Aaron Klemz, Amy Dritz

Staff: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Olberding requested to add the MPCA's Community Resiliency grant to the agenda as an "Other" item.

Commissioner Hansen made a motion to adopt the agenda and Commissioner Stoxen seconded the motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Olberding called for a motion to adopt the minutes from the September 14 Environmental Quality and Energy Commission minutes.

Commissioner Ferris made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Foell seconded the motion to approve the minute with the abovementioned correction.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

New Business

- 1) Approve the 2022 Meeting Dates for the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission

Commissioner Stoxen made a motion and Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion to adopt the 2022 meeting minute dates as included in the packet.

- 2) Approve the Energy Action Plan Addendum and MOU Extension with Xcel Energy

Ms. Workin shared the Energy Action Plan Addendum and MOU Extension based on the workshop conducted at the August 10 meeting and reviewed at the September 14 meeting. She also shared energy outreach activities

conducted this fall.

Commissioner Foell made a motion to approve the Energy Action Plan Addendum and MOU Extension with Xcel Energy and Commissioner Ferris seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Old Business

None

Other

1) Rice Creek Neighborhood Raingarden Project

Ms. Workin shared that the City would be installing 6 raingardens in the Rice Creek Neighborhood in partnership with the Rice Creek Watershed District.

2) MPCA Resiliency Planning Grant

Commissioner Olberding shared an open MPCA grant for resiliency planning around stormwater, climate, and wastewater. Commissioners discussed potential application opportunities.

Adjournment

Commissioner Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Stoxen seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting Environmental Quality and Energy Commission adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



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2022 Outreach Events

Background

Outreach at community events is an important strategy to build environmental awareness and increase engagement. Current events and some initial ideas that might provide an opportunity of an environmental outreach in 2022 include:

- Winterfest
 - Smart Salting through Coon Creek Watershed District
 - Winter biking
- Front Door Grant Open House
 - Home Energy Squad
- Recycling Drop-offs (5 in 2022)
- Environmental Fun Fair
- Concert in the Park series
 - Book and puzzle swap
- Garage Sale
 - Reuse options
- Household Hazardous Waste Clean Up
 - Recycling
- Rain Barrel Workshop
- 49rs Days
 - EV showcase
 - Turf grass trailer
 - Native Plants?
- Night to Unite
 - Green Block Parties
- Outdoor Latino festival
 - Stormwater
- Community wide clean up (TBD)
- Pumpkin Night in the Park
 - Energy

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- Coats from Cops
 - Light bulbs give away

Recommendation

Commissioners should discuss if there are other community events that are a priority, what topics should be highlighted, and if there is an interest in commissioner involvement.

Attachments and Other Resources

- None

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Energy Action Plan Updates

Background

At the November 9 meeting, the EQEC recommended adoption of Phase 2 of the Energy Action Plan. The following activities were completed this past month:

- 100+ Light Bulb kits with information on energy programs distributed during Coats from Cops
- EV owner video filmed for cable news and December Community Connection
- HRA approved insulation rebate

The following activities are projected in the next month:

- December 15- Planning Commission approval of Phase 2 of Energy Action Plan and MOU
- December 20- City Council approval of Phase 2 of Energy Action Plan and MOU
- January 11- Kick off meeting with Xcel Energy and CEE
- Work with CEE to design outreach material for insulation rebate (March rollout)
- Work with CEE to design outreach material for Fire Department Safety Visits

Recommendation

Commissioners should review and discuss if there are other activities that should be considered.

Attachments and Other Resources

- None

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Climate Resiliency Planning Grant

Background

At the November 9 meeting, the EQEC discussed submitting an application for the MPCA's Climate Resiliency Planning Grant. A potential grant topic was not identified, so it was determined to resume the discussion at the December meeting. Staff are discussing the possibility of apply for a grant related to the decreasing the impacts of Inflow and Infiltration of its sanitary sewer system due to climate change.

Recommendation

Commissioners should discuss if there are other grant topics that should be pursued

Attachments and Other Resources

- Information on the grant can be found: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/planning-grants-resilience>

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2022 Speaker Topics

Background

Periodically, speakers present to the EQEC in order to provide more background information relevant to topics of EQEC interest or to support decision making.

Recommendation

Commissioners should discuss if there are speakers of interest for meetings in 2022.

Attachments and Other Resources

- None

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