



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

August 13, 2024

7:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Ave N.E.

MINUTES

Call to Order

Commissioner Hansen called the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission to order at 7:02p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Heidi Ferris
Sam Stoxen
Avonna Starck
Mark Hansen
Amy Dritz

Absent: Aaron Klemz
Justin Foell

Others Present: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner
David Ostwald, Councilmember-at-Large

Approval of Chair Pro-Tem

Motion by Commissioner Hansen to nominate Commissioner Dritz as Chair Pro-Tem for the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Stoxen. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of May 14, 2024 Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting Minutes

Chair Dritz noted that she was marked as "absent" in the minutes and should be changed to "present". Motion by Commissioner Hansen to approve the May 14, 2024 meeting minutes with this change. Seconded by Commissioner Starck. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

2. 2025 Meeting Dates

Ms. Workin shared the proposed 2025 meeting dates in the packet. Motion by Commissioner Stoxen to approve the proposed 2025 meeting dates. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

3. Electric Vehicle Ordinance Language

Ms. Workin shared the proposed electric vehicle ordinance language to include in the recodification of the zoning code. Ms. Workin recommended limiting the requirement for bollards, curbing or other forms of protection to only free-standing electric vehicle chargers. Commissioners recommended requiring a site plan be to ensure that the future electric vehicle chargers did not encroach into parking spots required to meet parking minimums and clarifying the definitions between electric vehicle chargers and electric vehicle supply equipment. For discussion purposes only, no action was taken.

4. Sylvan Hills Stormwater Park Improvements

Ms. Workin shared the draft concept for the Sylvan Hills Stormwater Park Improvements. Commissioners recommended connecting the trail loop and adding more diversity in tree species.

5. Energy Action Plan updates

Ms. Workin shared that discussions with the new Home Energy Squad service provider were ongoing. She also shared that the Request for Proposals for solar on the Moore Lake Community Building was open. She said that door knocking at Clean Energy Resource Teams at Fridley Terrace was successful. She plans to show the City's electric vehicles at the Touch a Truck on August 20.

6. Grant Updates

Ms. Workin shared that the City was beginning work on the ReLeaf grant and that construction of the four rain gardens on Channel Road was about to begin. She also said the City received grant funding for an electric lawn mower from the MPCA.

7. Outreach and Event updates

Ms. Workin shared that the Pop-Up Community Toy Store at the Environmental Fun Fair was a success and the City was planning a baby gear swap in partnership with ECFE at their Fall Festival.

Other Items

8. Informal Status Reports

Commissioner Ferris shared about successful educational programs around pollinators that were implemented this spring at Fridley Public Schools.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Hanson to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Stoxen. The Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Workin

Environmental Planner