



Environmental Quality and Energy Commission

October 14, 2025

7:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Ave N.E.

Agenda

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approve the Minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission meeting of August 12, 2025

New Business

2. Sustainable Fridley Awards
3. August 11, 2026 Meeting Date

Old Business

4. Energy Action Plan Updates
5. Grant Updates
6. Outreach and Events Updates

Other Items

7. Informal Status Reports

Adjournment

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AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: October 14, 2025 **Meeting Type:** Environmental Quality and Energy Commission

Submitted By: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Title

Approve the Minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission meeting of August 12, 2025

Background

Approve the minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission meeting of August 12, 2025

Recommendation

Approve the minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission meeting of August 12, 2025

Attachments and Other Resources

- Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Minutes- August 12, 2025

Vision Statement

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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



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Sustainable Fridley Awards

Background

At the February 11, 2025 meeting, the EQEC recommended the creation of an awards program to celebrate efforts by a Fridley individual, business, youth, and institution/organization to make Fridley a more sustainable community. Award nominations were promoted throughout September and will be shared at the October meeting

Recommendation

Staff recommend that the EQEC select the Sustainable Fridley Award recipients.

Attachments and Other Resources

- None

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August 11 2026 Meeting Date

Background

The EQEC meets on the second Tuesday of the month. In 2026 the approved meeting date is August 11, which is also the date of primary elections. The City Clerk's office has requested that the EQEC switch its August date.

Recommendation

Staff recommend that the EQEC switch its August 2026 Meeting Date.

Attachments and Other Resources

- None

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Energy Action Plan Updates

Background

At the November 9, 2021 meeting, the EQEC recommended adoption of Phase 2 of the Energy Action Plan. The following activities were completed since the previous EQEC Meeting:

- Solar on Public Buildings Grant for Water Treatment Plant #3 submitted
- Solar array installed on Moore Lake
- City EVs at Touch a Truck
- Tabling at Fire Department Open House
- Energy Engagement at Park Plaza

The following activities are projected to occur:

- Newsletter articles on energy programs
- Solar array to be scheduled on Public Works building
- EV Charger to be installed at Moore Lake

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

- None

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Grant Updates

Background

The purpose of this item is to provide Commissioners updates on sustainability grants held by the City.

Grants in the Pre-Application Stage

- Waste containers at Commons Park
- 2025 DNR ReLEAF Grant
- Community Planting Grant

Grants Under Review

- Solar on Public Buildings Grant for Water Treatment Plant 3

Active Grants

- Recycling grant (ongoing)
- Met Council Regional Solicitation Grant for 44th Avenue Bridge w/ Anoka County
- University Avenue Lighting Project
- MnDOT Active Transportation grant for University Avenue Trails
- 2024 DNR ReLeaf Grant
- Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning Grant to create a Safety Action Plan
- DNR Shade Tree Grant
- Sylvan Hills Park stormwater system
- Met Council Water Efficiency Grant pt 4
- Solar for Public Buildings Grant for Moore Lake
- Regional Solicitation Grant- Safe Routes to School
- BWSR Pollinator Pathways Grant with ACD
- MPCA- Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Grants for Moore Lake Stormwater Retrofit Analysis Update in partnership with RCWD
- 2026 Street Project Rain Garden Design

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- MPCA Climate Resilience Implementation Grant for Commons Park
- Local Climate Action Grant for an EV Charger at Moore Lake Park
- Met Council Water Efficiency Grant (Equity Focus) for water efficient toilet replacement at Park Plaza
- Solar for Public Buildings Grant for Commons Park
- Solar for Public Buildings Grant for Public Works
- 2026 Street Project Rain Gardens

Grants Closed (1/1/2025+)

- BWSR/RCWD grant for Moore Lake IESF project
- DNR Preparing for Emerald Ash Borer Grant Pt. 3
- MPCA Resiliency Grant for Electric Lawn Mower
- 2024 Street Project Rain Gardens
- MPCA Electric Landscaping Equipment Campaign
- CCWD grant for improved street sweeping equipment

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

- None

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Outreach and Events Updates

Background

Outreach at community events is an important strategy to build environmental awareness and increase engagement. Events that have been completed since the last meeting as well as upcoming outreach events are listed below.

Completed events (8/12-10/14)

- EVs at Touch a Truck (8/19)
- Recycling Drop-off at Park Plaza (9/6)
- Community Planting Event at Community Park (9/24)
- Sewing Machine Repair Class (9/25)
- Blue Thumb Shoreline Restoration Workshop at Moore Lake (10/1)
- Fire Department Open House and Community Health Fair (10/4)
- Planting Event with Al-Amal School at Moore Lake (10/10)

Confirmed events and topics

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Potential Upcoming Events

- Seed Swap

Recommendation

- None

Attachments and Other Resources

- None

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Informal Status Reports

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Staff and Commissioners will share informal status reports on programs happening in the City.

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

- None

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