



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY COMMISSION

Fridley Municipal Center, 7071 University Ave Ne

MINUTES

August 10, 2021

Location: City of Fridley Civic Campus, Fireside Room

Call to Order

Chair Dritz called the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission to order at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Amy Dritz, Sam Stoxen, Justin Foell, Nick Olberding, Aaron Klemz

Absent: Mark Hansen, Heidi Ferris

Staff: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Other: Marisa Bayer, Center for Energy and Environment; Tami Gunderzik, Xcel Energy

Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Olberding made a motion to adopt the agenda and Commissioner Foell seconded the motion adopt the agenda.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Chair Dritz called for a motion to adopt the minutes from the July 10 Environmental Quality and Energy Commission minutes. Ms. Workin noted that Commissioner Hansen was listed as present and absent, and Commissioner Ferris was not listed under the attendance records. Ms. Workin said that Commissioner Hansen should be marked as absent and Commissioner Ferris should be marked as present.

Commissioner Olberding 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) Energy Action Plan, Phase 2

Ms. Workin shared the history of the City's participation in the Partners in Energy Program. She said that the City's formal MOU with Xcel Energy to participate in the program has ended, but due to the success of the program the City has the opportunity to continue to enter into another MOU. Ms. Bayer shared a presentation on the program's successes to date. The group discussed potential strategies to work on in Phase 2. Ms. Workin said she would bring these strategies and a draft MOU back to the EQEC for final review.

Old Business

Other

1) Citywide Clean Up

Ms. Workin said that the City is coordinating a citywide clean up on September 25 and is looking for groups to host up clean up sites. The group decided on either Riverview Heights or Innsbruck. Ms. Workin said she'd check on availability.

2) Informal Status Reports

Ms. Workin said she did not receive a firm number on the amount of water the City can pump. She said there was no further discussion on watering restrictions.

3) Recycling Promotion

Ms. Workin said that a recycling campaign was conducted in the first half of 2021 and many materials are still available on the City's website and Facebook page. She said that the City and the City's recycling provider have been moving away from a numbers based system to focusing on types of items.

Adjournment

Commissioner Klemz moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Foell seconded the motion. The meeting Environmental Quality and Energy Commission adjourned at 8:29 p.m.