



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

March 11, 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
Avonna Starck
Justin Foell
Absent: Dustin Norman
Heidi Ferris
Mark Hansen

Others Present: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of February 11, 2024 Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Starck to approve the February 11, 2025 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Stoxen. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

2. Lawns to Legumes Program updates

Ms. Workin shared updates to the Lawns to Legumes Program including the proposed elimination of the program from the governor's budget as well as legislation in the State and House to repeal funding effective July 1. Commissioners also discussed locations for the current Pollinator Pathways grant.

Motion by Commissioner Foell to recommend the draft resolution of support for the Lawns to Legumes program for approval by the City Council. Seconded by Commissioner Stoxen. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Commission Onboarding Manual

Ms. Workin provided an overview of the Commission onboarding manual. She asked that commissioners sign and return the acknowledgement page to Beth Kondrick with the City Clerk's office.

Old Business

4. Energy Action Plan updates

Ms. Workin shared that ICF had begun implementing Home Energy Squad visits. She also encouraged Commissioners to attend the HRA open house. She said that RFPs had been issued for the Solar on Public Buildings Grants for Commons Park and the Public Works building.

5. Grant Updates

Ms. Workin shared that the City received a grant from Coon Creek Watershed District for rain garden design as well as the MPCA Climate Resilience Implementation Grant for Commons Park that was discussed at the November meeting.

6. Outreach and Event updates

The City will be hosting a Seed Swap on March 15 at Moore Lake Park from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Commissioners were encouraged to participate.

Other Items

7. Informal Status Reports

Ms. Workin shared that Luke Cardona had been appointed to fill the council seat vacated by Tom Tilberry. She also shared that the Commission would likely be hearing a presentation from representatives of Park Plaza Housing Community and the Met Council on regional climate engagement that they've been doing.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Starck to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Stoxen. The Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Workin

Environmental Planner