



# ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

January 14, 2025

7:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Ave N.E.

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## MINUTES

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Roll Call**

Present: Aaron Klemz  
Sam Stoxen  
Avonna Starck  
Justin Foell

Absent: Mark Hansen  
Heidi Ferris

Others Present: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Jessica Lindemeyer, Outreach Coordinator- Coon Creek Watershed District

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

1. Approval of December 10, 2024 Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Starck to approve the December 10, 2024 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Stoxen. The motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

2. Presentation on the Pet Waste Program

Ms. Lindemeyer of the Coon Creek Watershed District presented on the district's Pet Waste Program. No formal action was taken.

3. Proclamation for Winter Salt Awareness Week

Ms. Workin shared draft language for a proclamation designating January 27-31 as Winter Salt Awareness Week. Motion by Commissioner Foell to approve the draft proclamation language. Seconded by Commissioner Stoxen.

**Old Business**

4. Energy Action Plan updates

Ms. Workin shared that the City incorporated the recommended updates from the Energy Efficient Buildings Report into Commons Park. The City also submitted a grant application for an EV Charger at Moore Lake. She also shared that the ICF began implementing the Home Energy Squad program in Fridley.

5. Grant Updates

Ms. Workin shared that the City had been approved Step 1 of the Solar on Public Buildings Grant for the Commons Park and the Public Works buildings.

6. Outreach and Event updates

Ms. Workin shared that the toy store would be returning to the Environmental Fun Fair. The City would also 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. Environmental Awards

The Commissioners expressed interest in beginning a Sustainability Recognition Program to be discussed in more detail in February.

8. Informal Status Reports

Ms. Workin shared that the Council would be interviewing for the vacant EQEC position in January.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Commissioner Starck to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Stoxen . The Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rachel Workin

Environmental Planner