



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

February 08, 2022

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 January 11, 2022.

New Business

2. Metro F Line (BRT) Status Update
3. 44th Avenue Bridge Improvements

Old Business

4. Energy Action Plan Updates
5. 2022 Outreach Events
6. Grant Updates

Other Items

7. Informal Status Reports

Adjournment



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Meeting Date: February 8, 2022

Meeting Type: Environmental Quality and Energy
(EQEC) Commission

Submitted By: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Title

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Background

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Recommendation

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Attachments and Other Resources

- Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Minutes- January 11, 2022.

Vision Statement

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Fridley Municipal Center, 7071 University Ave Ne

MINUTES

January 11, 2021

Item 1.

Location: City of Fridley Civic Campus, Fireside Room

Call to Order

Vice Chair Olberding called the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Sam Stoxen, Justin Foell, Nick Olberding, Heidi Ferris

Absent: Mark Hansen, Aaron Klemz, Amy Dritz

Staff: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Foell made a motion to adopt the agenda and Commissioner Stoxen seconded the motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

MOTION PASSED Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Workin noted that there were errors in the December 14 to amend the minutes and the agenda which should be struck as no amendments were made. Commissioner Ferris made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Foell seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended.

MOTION PASSED Unanimously

New Business

1) 2022 Planning

Ms. Workin shared the Step 4 GreenStep Cities reporting worksheet, data sources, and reporting progress to date.

Old Business

1) Energy Action Plan Updates

Ms. Workin shared activities completed as part of the Energy Action Plan.

2) 2022 Outreach Events

Ms. Workin shared completed and scheduled outreach events.

3) Grant updates

Ms. Workin provided grant status updates.

Other

1) Informal Status Reports

Commissioner Ferris shared that she was working with Rice Creek Watershed District on outreach with faith communities.

Adjournment

Commissioner Ferris moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Foell seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.



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Metro F Line (BRT) Status Update

Background

The purpose of this item is to provide Commissioners updates on the Metro F Line which is the BRT Route scheduled to replace Route 10 in 2025-2026. Information on the outreach process which selected Route 10 as the F Line can be found at MetroTransit.Org/NetworkNext.

Recommendation

Commissioners should review and discuss modifications needed to Route 10 stop alignments

Attachments and Other Resources

- None

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44th Avenue Bridge Improvements

Background

In 2019-2020, the EQEC assisted in the development of the 2nd edition of the Active Transportation Plan. This plan identified pedestrian/bicycle improvements to the 44th Avenue bridge between East River Road and Main Street over the BNSF railyard as a high priority. Staff is requesting additional EQEC feedback on modifications to the 44th Avenue bridge. Staff will share potential grant opportunities and plans for additional resident engagement.

Recommendation

Commissioners should review and discuss the need for improvements to the 44th Avenue Bridge.

Attachments and Other Resources

- None

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Energy Action Plan Updates

Background

At the November 9 meeting, the EQEC recommended adoption of Phase 2 of the Energy Action Plan. The following activities were completed this past month:

- January 22- Tabling at Winterfest on energy
- February Cable Show- EVs part 3
- Launched outreach on insulation rebate
- Updating properties in B3

The following activities are projected in the next month:

- Work with CEE to design outreach material for insulation rebate (March rollout)
- Work with CEE to design outreach material for Fire Department Safety Visits (waiting on bulb delivery)
- Finish uploading all City properties into B3 benchmarking system
- Finish uploading Updating GIS records of City lights
- Insulation article in March newsletter
- Recording March cable show on insulation rebate
- February 9- HRA Open House

Recommendation

Commissioners should review and discuss if there are other activities that should be considered.

Attachments and Other Resources

- None

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2022 Outreach Events

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 (1/12-2/8)

- Winter biking webinar (1/19)
- Winterfest (1/22)
 - Smart Salting through Coon Creek Watershed District
 - Energy Action Plan

Confirmed events and topics

- Recycling Drop-offs (5 in 2022)
- Front Door Grant Open House (2/9)
 - Home Energy Squad
 - Insulation Grant
- Earth Week + Environmental Fun Fair (April 29- May 7)
- Household Hazardous Waste Event (4/30)
 - Recycling
- 49rs Day
 - EV Showcase

Potential Events

- Concert in the Park series
 - Book and puzzle swap
- Garage Sale
 - Reuse options
- Night to Unite
 - Green Block Parties
- Outdoor Latino festival

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- Stormwater
- Community wide clean up (TBD)
- Pumpkin Night in the Park
 - Energy
- Coats from Cops
 - Light bulbs give away

Recommendation

Commissioners should discuss if there are other community events that are a priority, what topics should be highlighted, and if there is an interest in commissioner involvement.

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

- SHIP grant for Civic Campus orchard
- SHIP grant for bike fleet (SNC/Recreation)
- BWSR HELP grant for native plant restoration on Commons Park hillside
- Met Council Water Efficiency Grant pt 3
- RCWD grant for raingardens in 2022 Street Project Area
- Met Council Regional Solicitation Grant for 44th Avenue Bridge

Grants Under Review

- RCWD grant for sumps in Farr Lake neighborhood
- Lawns to Legumes Demonstration Neighborhood Grant (ACD grant in partnership with Coon Rapids, and Lino Lakes)
- CCWD grant for hydrodynamic separator in 2022 Street Project Area
- Met Council Climate Mitigation grant for feasibility study of 73rd Ave

Active Grants

- Recycling grant (ongoing)
- CCWD grant for Craig Park improvements
- BWSR/RCWD grant for Moore Lake IESF project
- DNR grant for mitigating impacts of EAB
- RCWD grant for 6 raingardens in Rice Creek Terrace neighborhood
- RCWD grant for road diet on University Ave Service Rd
- Met Council Water Efficiency Grant
- LRIP grant for 53rd Avenue Trail Project
- RS grant for 7th St Trail Project
- University Avenue Lighting Project

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Grants Closed (1/1/2021+)

- SHIP grant for wayfinding kiosk

Recommendation

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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

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None

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