



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

May 13, 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 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Aaron Klemz
Sam Stoxen
Avonna Starck
Mark Hansen
Heidi Ferris

Absent: Dustin Norman
Justin Foell

Others Present: Mayor David Ostwald
Councilmember Ann Bolkcom
Councilmember Ryan Evanston
Councilmember Patrick Vescio
Stacy Stromberg, Planning Manager
Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner
Dylan Martinez, Zoning and Code Enforcement Intern

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 April 8, 2025 Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Ferris to approve the April 8, 2025 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Stoxen. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

2. Solid Waste Abatement Program and Recycling Contract Updates

Ms. Workin shared information on the City's Solid Waste Abatement Program and proposed contract extensions for the recycling and organics recycling program.

Motion by Commissioner Hansen to proceed with developing contract extensions with Republic Services. Seconded by Commissioner Stoxen. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

3. Energy Action Plan Updates

Ms. Workin shared that the City had submitted Solar on Public Buildings Grant applications for the Public Works building and Commons Park building. She also said that the State was going to be releasing a Round 3 RFP for the grant, and the City was planning to develop applications for Water Treatment Plant #3 and the Commons Park ground storage reservoir. She also said that the City was awarded a MPCA Local Climate Action grant for 2/3 of the cost of an EV charger at Moore Lake

4. Grant updates

Ms. Workin shared that the Channel Rd raingardens were completed. She also said that the City was able to apply its Climate Resiliency Grant to shelters at Commons Park. The Sylvan Hills Park project will begin in early June.

5. Outreach and Event updates

Ms. Workin shared that we had hoped to plant trees at North Park by last week but we are still waiting for utility locates. She also said that the Environmental Fun Fair was this weekend and the Household Hazardous Waste will be 5/31.

Other Items

6. Informal Status Reports

Ms. Workin shared that this was Heidi Ferris' last meeting and thanked her for her service on the EQEC. She said the City will advertise the vacancy for a two week period and then review new applicants along with those submitted during the previous vacancy.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Starck to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Ferris. The Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Workin
Environmental Planner