



Environmental Quality and Energy Commission

March 12, 2024

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 February 13, 2024

New Business

- [2.](#) Street Sweeping Feasibility Study and Operations
- [3.](#) Zoning Code Updates

Old Business

- [4.](#) Energy Action Plan Updates
- [5.](#) Grant Updates
- [6.](#) Outreach and Events Updates

Other Items

- [7.](#) Collaboration with North Suburban Center for the Arts on Event
- [8.](#) Informal Status Reports

Adjournment

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AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: March 12, 2024

Meeting Type: Environmental Quality and Energy Commission

Submitted By: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Title

Approve the Minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission meeting of February 13, 2024

Background

Approve the minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission meeting of February 13, 2024.

Recommendation

Approve the minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission meeting of February 13, 2024.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Minutes- February 13, 2024

Vision Statement

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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

February 13, 2023

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
Heidi Ferris
Avonna Starck
Justin Foell
Sam Stoxen
Amy Dritz
Mark Hansen

Absent: None

Others Present: Stacy Stromberg, Planning Manager
Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of December 12, 2023 Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Dritz to approve the December 12, 2023 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Stoxen. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

2. Chapter 512 Erosion Control and Stormwater Management

Ms. Workin presented Chapter 512 from Title 5 of the recodified City Code for commissioner review. Commissioners recommended that the City perform additional outreach related to preventing illicit discharge including the proper method for winterizing pools.

Motion by Commissioner Hansen to recommend Chapter 512 to the City Council. Seconded by Commissioner Foell. The motion carried unanimously.

3. 2024 Sustainability Tour

Ms. Workin and the Commissioners discussed hosting a sustainability tour that can be self-guided and interpreted with a target date of July.

Old Business

4. Title 5 Updates

Ms. Workin shared that the Council would also be reviewing changes to Chapter 502-504 as part of Title 5. These chapters have previously been recommended for approval to the Council.

5. Energy Action Plan updates

Ms. Workin shared that the City was preparing to table at the HRA Open House

6. Outreach and Event updates

Ms. Workin shared that she attended Winterfest to talk about recycling. She also asked commissioners if they'd be able to volunteer at the Pop Up Toy Swap.

7. Grant Updates

Ms. Workin shared that the City had received grants for a hydrodynamic separator in the 2024 Street Project Area from the Rice Creek Watershed District as well as additional street sweeping equipment from the Coon Creek Watershed District.

Other Items

8. Informal Status Reports

Ms. Workin shared that she had been unable to connect with a representative from a sustainability group at the school.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Foell to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. The Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.



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Street Sweeping Feasibility Study and Operations

Background

Street sweeping is a best management practice for improved water quality that removes pollutants such as salt, sediment, and leaves before they enter the storm sewer system. Coon Creek Watershed District has been conducting a study of street sweeping operations throughout their jurisdiction focusing on how cities/counties can maximize the cost effectiveness of the practice. In this presentation, staff from the Coon Creek Watershed District will be presenting the results of their study and its recommendations. Additionally, operations staff from the City's Public Works Department will present on Fridley's street sweeping program.

Recommendation

For discussion purposes only.

Attachments and Other Resources

- None

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Zoning Code Updates

Background

In 2021, the City Council initiated a recodification process to review the City's code. Chapters of the code are being reviewed sequentially by the Council under Title groupings of chapters with related content. The next Title scheduled for review is Title 6 Zoning Code. The Zoning Code guides land use in the City to ensure harmonious community development. Changes to the Zoning Code are reviewed by the Planning Commission for recommendation to the Council. The Planning Commission and Council held a joint work session on February 21 to discuss priorities for the recodification process. Additional work sessions have been scheduled for April 17 and June 12 to review the Zoning Code's landscaping and parking requirements.

Recommendation

For discussion purposes only.

Attachments and Other Resources

- None

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Energy Action Plan Updates

Background

At the November 9, 2021 meeting, the EQEC recommended adoption of Phase 2 of the Energy Action Plan. The following activities were completed this past month:

- Discussion of Solar for Public Buildings grant application for Moore Lake Park building

The following activities are projected:

- Tabling at HRA Open House (3/24/2024)
- Door knocking Fridley Terrace (Spring 2024)
- EV Showcase at Touch A Truck event (Fall 2024)

Recommendation

None

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

- 2024 Street Project Rain Gardens
- DNR grant for recirculating splash pad
- SHIP grant for Bike Fix-It Station along MRT at Edgewater Gardens Park
- Met Council Water Efficiency Grant pt 4

Grants Under Review

- LRIP Mississippi ST
- Regional Solicitation Grant- Mississippi St Trail
- Regional Solicitation Grant- Safe Routes to School
- MWMO Grants in 2024 Street Project
- Sylvan Hills Park stormwater system

Active Grants

- Recycling grant (ongoing)
- Met Council Regional Solicitation Grant for 44th Avenue Bridge w/ Anoka County
- BWSR/RCWD grant for Moore Lake IESF project
- University Avenue Lighting Project
- Met Council Water Efficiency Grant pt 3
- MDH Well Sealing Grant pt 3
- RCWD grant for sumps in Farr Lake neighborhood
- MnDOT Active Transportation grant for University Avenue Trails
- DNR Preparing for Emerald Ash Borer Grant Pt. 3
- Dog Waste Stations in Moore Lake Park
- CDBG Grant for 61st Avenue Parcel

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- DNR ReLeaf Grant
- Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning Grant to create a Safety Action Plan
- DNR Shade Tree Grant
- CCWD grant for improved street sweeping equipment
- RCWD grant for hydrodynamic separator in 2024 Street Project

Grants Closed (1/1/2024+)

- CCWD Water Quality Grant for Apex Pond

Recommendation

- None

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- None

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Outreach and Events Updates

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 (12/13-3/12)

- None

Confirmed events and topics

- HRA Open House-3/27
- Environmental Fun Fest with Pop-Up Community Toy Story- 5/18

Potential Upcoming Events

- Baby Gear Swap at ECFE Fall Festival
- EV Showcase at Touch a Truck Event

Recommendation

None

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- None

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Collaboration with North Suburban Center for the Arts on Event

Background

Commissioner Klemz will share about a potential collaborative event.

Recommendation

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Attachments and Other Resources

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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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