



# ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

February 11, 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 7:06 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

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

Absent:     Justin Foell

Others Present:   Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

1. Approval of January 14, 2024 Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Starck to approve the January 14, 2025 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Ferris. The motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

2. Sustainability Recognition Program

The commissioners discussed creating a sustainability recognition program to be awarded to a resident, business, and institution annually by the EQEC each year. Commissioners recommended an additional "youth" category, having an option to include a photo upload within the nomination form, and highlighting the winners through displays at the library and City Hall.

Motion by Commissioner Ferris to create the sustainability recognition program with the themes of Individual/Business/Institutional/Youth to be awarded in the fall. Seconded by Commissioner Norman.

The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Workin said she would present the online version of the nomination form at a future meeting.

3. Election of Vice Chair

Motion by Commissioner Starck to nominate Commissioner Norman as vice chair for 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Stoxen. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Shoreland Overlay and Critical Area Overlay District Changes

Ms. Workin discussed removing Norton Creek, Stonybrook Creek, and Oak Glen Creek from the Shoreland Overlay District since they are not a public water and the intent of the Shoreland Overlay is to regulate lands adjacent to public waters.

Motion by Commissioner Stoxen to remove the reference to Norton Creek, Stonybrook Creek, and Oak Glen Creek from the Shoreland Overlay District and Critical Area District chapters. Seconded by Commissioner Starck. The motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

5. Energy Action Plan updates

Ms. Workin shared that there were no new updates.

6. Grant Updates

Ms. Workin shared that the City was partnering with Anoka Conservation District to find residential sites for the Lawn to Legumes Pollinator Pathways grant and encouraged the commissioners to share within their networks. She also said that City had submitted a grant to Coon Creek Watershed District to fund the design of retrofits of existing raingardens and the establishment of new raingardens in the 2026 Street Project Area. She said that Rice Creek Watershed District received a grant to update the stormwater retrofit analysis for Moore Lake.

7. Outreach and Event updates

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**

8. Informal Status Reports

Ms. Workin shared that there would a CERTS Energy ambassador meet-up on February 25. She also shared that Councilmember Tilberry had resigned and there was a vacancy in Ward 1. She also shared information on the City's Winter Salt Week.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Commissioner Hansen to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Norman. The Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rachel Workin

Environmental Planner