



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

September 12, 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 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Nick Olberding

Aaron Klemz

Sam Stoxen

Mark Hansen

Justin Foell

Heidi Ferris

Absent: Amy Dritz

Others Present: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of July 11, 2023 Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Olberding to approve the July 11, 2023 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

2. Public Arts Plan Feedback

Ms. Workin shared that the City was collecting feedback to create a Public Art Plan for the City of Fridley. Commissioners added suggested art to the map and adopted a statement in support of environmentally-themed public art.

Motion by Commissioner Ferris to recommend the statement for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Olberding. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Future Grant Applications

Ms. Workin requested commissioner feedback on the City's DNR ReLeaf Grant and CERTS Seed Grant Applications. Ms. Ferris recommended including a video about HES visit to outreach materials.

4. 2024 Meeting Dates

Motion by Commissioner Hansen to approve the 2024 meeting dates. Seconded by Commissioner Stoxen. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

5. Energy Action Plan updates

Ms. Workin shared the City hosted an EV Showcase and was preparing to table at the Senior Fair.

6. Outreach and Event updates

Ms. Workin shared that there will be a pollinator planting at Commons Park on 9/23.

7. Grant Updates

Ms. Workin shared that the City had completed the third round of its EAB Management grant and was evaluating rain garden locations for the 2024 street project.

Other Items

8. Informal Status Reports

Ms. Workin shared that the City was looking for feedback on its website. She also said that Northstar would be expanding service in Fridley.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Foell to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. The Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.