

**Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting
Thursday November 13, 2014 3:30-5:30 p.m. City Hall (350 S 5th Street) Room 132**

Minutes

Attendance: Eduardo Cardenas, Marty Broan, Lisa Daniels, Darrell Gerber, Alexis Troschinetz, Michelle Stockness, Shalini Gupta, Michelle Schroeder, Tony Hainault, Brian Ross, Meleah Houseknecht, James Nash, Roxanne O'Brien

Others in Attendance: Gayle Prest, Laurelyn Sandkamp, Brendon Slotterback, Sarah Goodspeed

Absences: Pat Mulloy, Jamison Tessneer, Ross Abbey, Sam Grant, Pat Mulloy, Jennifer Ringold, Jamison Tessneer

1) Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- a. Agenda was approved
- b. October minutes will be updated to reflect that Eduardo was absent

2) Action on Proposed Meeting Dates. Potential meeting dates were discussed. The meetings in January and February will be from 3 to 5 pm, January 8th and February 12th. Approved unanimously.

3) Action regarding CEAC perspectives on Energy Vision Advisory Committee.

Michelle Schroeder discussed the idea of CEAC giving feedback to the City Council on what types of groups they would want to see represented on the Energy Vision Advisory Committee that is part of the Clean Energy Partnership. The final recommendation does not need to be approved by CEAC until December.

Potential groups include environmental justice, local business, job training groups, neighborhood or community groups, energy technical experts, community energy organizers. Michelle also suggested large energy users/representatives. Members discussed various ways that neighborhood organizations could be represented. Eduardo suggested housing organizations like PPL, Alliance housing, and Pillsbury United Communities could be good additions. The Park Board and Charter Schools were also suggested. Marty asked whether CEAC should be specific about organizations or whether the definitions should be kept loose in terms of just identifying types of perspectives. Brian suggested that the group should suggest organizations that will help to fulfill the Energy Vision developed by the City. Roxanne said that just because people represent certain organizations on EVAC, they might not vote against the status quo because they don't want to lose their funding if they represent a non-profit. Alexis said that the types of groups CEAC represents will have to be able to do the tasks that are identified in slide 11 of the presentation included in Michelle's packet. Shalini said that CEAC shouldn't suggest groups that don't have capacity to deliver the items in the charge. Darrell, Meleah and Brian said that it would be hard to represent all the diverse interests supposed to be represented with only a small number of people (like 7), and that CEAC should consider making comments about the size of the group.

Michelle clarified that the CEP Board is making the final decision on members, and CEAC is just making recommendations. Michelle will bring the item back to the subcommittee, and will bring a draft to the next CEAC meeting in December. Michelle asked that if people have ideas they send them to her.

- 4) Committee Breakouts and Updates.** Members broke into groups to discuss priorities for CEAC work in 2015. Darrell gave an introduction to the exercise. Subcommittees used a worksheet to figure out specific, measurable, actionable, realistic and time-oriented objectives.

The group discussed the idea of assisting with the Community Solar Gardens work in the future. If the City gets the technical assistance from CERTS, CEAC may have a role and they can contribute depending on the interest of the members present in 2015.

Shalini said that the original intention of the EJ subcommittee was to work for a certain period and then participate in other subcommittees. Shalini suggested that for today's discussion, she would lead that group in a discussion, and would leave it up to the members to decide what group to attend. Roxanne said that perhaps members didn't understand what the Environmental Justice perspective was and said that it included all the issues discussed in other groups but included discussions with people that weren't involved in decision-making process.

Members broke in to groups for 30 minutes to discuss objectives based on topics. Gayle will send out a Word copy of the document so groups can fill it out electronically.

- 5) December Meeting Items.** MPCA will be giving a presentation on their new study on air quality and voluntary agreements for pollution prevention.

6) Announcements.

- a. Environmental Initiative event on Water Stewardship on Tuesday from 7:30 – noon at Target Field. Go to EI website to register.
- b. Thursday the 20th is an event to kick-off a process for stakeholder engagement on the State's Climate Solutions and Economic Opportunities (CSEO) process. This event will be an overview of an analysis on policy options for climate emissions reductions. The list of policies that were analyzed may be posted on Monday on the EI website.
- c. Today is Give To the Max Day! Please donate.
- d. Election implications. Environmental advocates will switch focus to working with executive branch on issues to do things that can be done without legislative action. Transportation will be a key issue in the next legislative session.

Meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm.