

**Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting
Thursday August 14th, 2014 3:30-5:30 p.m.**

Agenda

3:30 1) Approval of August Agenda and July Minutes (Attachment 1)

3:40 2) City Staff and Member Announcements

- a. HECE Updates
- b. PUC to take action on Solar Community Gardens August 7
- c. August 1 City Council Resolution on Vikings Stadium and Birds
- d. Boards and Commissioners survey by Aug 30

4:00 3) Action on draft City Council Divesture Resolution (Ross – Attachment 2)

4:20 4) CEAC 2014-2015 Membership Application Process (Gayle – Attachment 3)

- ✓ All members must reapply – if not seeking reappointment please notify Gayle
- ✓ CEAC Role in recruitment?

4:40 5) Committee Updates and Breakouts if needed

- ✓ Climate Air
- ✓ Less Waste
- ✓ Water
- ✓ Utility Franchise
- ✓ Environmental Justice

5:00 6) September 11 meeting items and Adjourn

City Council's Health Environment and Community Engagement Committee August 18, September 8, September 22, October 6, October 21, Nov 3, Nov 17

CEAC Tentative Calendar:

- September/October: Reviewing the Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan(will be updated in the next few years, talk about CEAC's role in that, room for sustainability integration into the plan),
- November:
- December:

Community Environmental Advisory Commission Group Norms

This document is intended to guide interactions between and work by CEAC members and others in meetings, off line conversations and emails in order to have effective outcomes

Be respectful

- Listen thoughtfully

- Treat each other with dignity and respect
- Agree to disagree
- Work toward consensus
- Challenge constructively
- Be open to other opinions
- Speak to issues, not people
- Deal with issues, not personalities
- Don't interrupt; don't speak over each other; take turns speaking
- Be transparent and avoid hidden agendas
- Problems are presented in a way that promotes mutual discussion and resolution

Prepare for and hold efficient and effective meetings

- Attend meetings (see bylaws)
- Notify staff of unavoidable absences
- Come to meetings on time
- No sidebar conversations
- Read agenda and material before the meeting
- Stick to agenda
- Assist in subcommittee work
- Focus on what's important
- Prioritize

Process

- Chair facilitates meetings and starts/ends on time
- All CEAC members must be recognized by chair and the chair will recognize all CEAC members wanting to speak
- Agenda changes after the initial agenda approval will be the chair's prerogative
- Chair and vice chair will set draft agendas
- Agendas will be emailed by the Wednesday prior to the meeting

Adopted May 2010 and reviewed again January 2013

DRAFT Resolution of the City of Minneapolis August 5, 2014

**Committing to Continued Divestment from Fossil Fuel Companies and
Calling on our Partners to Divest**

By Gordon and Cano

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis believes that global climate change is a serious threat to the health, safety and welfare of the people of Minneapolis, and has adopted a goal to decrease carbon emissions by 80% by 2050; and,

Whereas, Minneapolis has long been a leader in fighting climate change, adopting a climate plan in the early 1990s, signing onto the US Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, and most recently by passing a Climate Action Plan that lays out goals and strategies for reducing carbon emissions by 30% by 2020; and,

Whereas, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fourth Assessment Report found that climate change is already causing costly disruption of human and natural systems throughout the world including the melting of Arctic and Antarctic ice, the ocean's rise in acidity, flooding and drought; and

Whereas, through the 2009 Copenhagen Accord, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which includes the United States, recognized "the scientific view that the increase in global temperature should be below 2 degrees Celsius" in order to allow human civilization to survive in a recognizable form; and,

Whereas, to meet the 2 degrees Celsius target, global carbon emissions must be held to 565 gigatons; and,

Whereas, the carbon content of the proven, extractable fossil fuel reserves already controlled by the two hundred publicly-traded companies with the largest coal, oil, and gas reserves is approximately 2,795 gigatons, which is five times what can be safely burned without exceeding the 2 degrees Celsius limit; and,

Whereas, these proven reserves have a monetary value of over \$10 trillion, which will be realized only if they are extracted and burned; and,

Whereas, despite the fact that the proven reserves of fossil fuels so far exceed what can be safely burned, fossil fuel companies spend \$1.8 billion per day searching for new reserves; and,

Whereas, extraction of fossil fuels such as coal mining, oil drilling, and hydrological fracturing, and the transportation of fossil fuels through pipelines and over rail has many other negative ecological impacts: pollution of soil, groundwater, surface waters and air, and the destruction of landscapes; and,

Whereas, fossil fuel extraction is extremely capital intensive, making fossil fuel companies dependent on the capital investments of US investors; and,

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis does not currently have any funds invested in fossil fuel companies; and,

Whereas, many major institutions in Minneapolis do have investments in fossil fuel companies, including the University of Minnesota and other educational institutions, investment and asset management firms, foundations, and other units of government; and,

Whereas, the University of Minnesota's endowment funds are valued at over \$2.5 million, the fourteen largest investment firms in Minneapolis control investments valued at over \$247 million, and the seven largest foundations in Minneapolis have endowments worth over \$2.6 billion; and,

Whereas, the pension and deferred compensation plans for Minneapolis employees and retirees continue to have investments in fossil fuel companies; and,

Whereas, many institutions in the United States have already divested from fossil fuel companies, including:

- Stanford University and twelve other colleges and universities,
- Twenty-five US cities, including San Francisco, CA, Seattle, WA, Portland, OR, Boulder, CO, and Madison, WI
- More than thirty religious organizations
- Twenty-seven foundations and philanthropic organizations;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis hereby commits to continuing to avoid investing, directly or indirectly, in fossil fuel companies.

Be it Further Resolved that the City of Minneapolis urges all organizations that invest any considerable amount of money to ensure that none of their directly held or commingled assets include holdings in fossil fuel public equities and corporate bonds within 5 years. These organizations include:

- Major institutions located in Minneapolis, including the University of Minnesota, Augsburg College, the Minneapolis College of Art and Design, and the University of Saint Thomas,
- Other units of government, including the State of Minnesota and Hennepin County,
- Pension and deferred compensation plans for Minneapolis employees and retirees, including the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA), the Minnesota Deferred Compensation Plan, the Minneapolis Police Relief Association, the Minneapolis Fire Relief Association, the Minneapolis Employee Retirement Fund (MERF), and the Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (Union Central),
- For-profit and nonprofit investment and asset management organizations located in Minneapolis,
- Foundations located in Minneapolis

Be it Further Resolved that the City of Minneapolis will include support for divestment from fossil companies in its State Legislative Agenda.

Community Environmental Advisory Commission 2015-2016 Recruitment

August 1, 2104

Background/Supporting Information

CEAC has 18 appointed members, each serving 2-year terms. The Committee has provided valuable service in developing and implementing the City's Sustainability Initiatives. All terms expire concurrently on December 31, 2014. The Mayor and the City Council each have the following 8 appointments:

- 2 resident members
- 2 representatives from environmental advocacy groups (to be a specific member representing a specific environmental advocacy group)
- 2 persons with demonstrated technical environmental expertise
- 2 representatives from industries or companies having a major impact on the environment

In addition, each below shall designate a representative with expertise on environmental matters: Minneapolis School Board, Hennepin County Board and Minneapolis Parks Recreation Board.

Also:

- Residents of City are preferred, but exceptions have been made (typically for business representatives).
- While there is not a ward designee it's smart to be geographically balanced.
- The City has a goal of having the advisory and planning boards and commissions reflect the diversity in the community.
- Members are expected to attend monthly meetings and participate on at least one subcommittee.

Process:

The City Clerk's Office oversees the process. It's expected that they will post the vacancies notice shortly. After it's posted, the City will be accepting applications for old and new potential members – applications for CEAC is expected to close in early October. The City Council and the Mayor will make formal decisions on their representatives by the end of the year.

Next Steps:

1. Gayle Prest will send email to CEAC when vacancy notice posted
2. Please let Gayle know ASAP if you will not be seeking reappointment (this will help better understand recruitment needs)
3. Is there interest by CEAC or individual members in recruiting members during the month of September?

Attached is the current CEAC member information.

**Current CEAC Membership
August 1, 214**

Name	Appointed by Mayor or Council	Category	Ward* (Home)	Start date	Notes
Shalini Gupta	Council	Environmental Advocacy (CEED)	2	2013	
Lisa Daniels	Council	Companies and Industry (Windustry)	7	2013	
Alexis Troschinetz	Council	Technical Expert	2	2013	
Ross Abbey	Council	Environmental Advocacy (Fresh Energy)	6	2009	
Michelle Stockness	Council	Companies or Industry (Barr Engineering)	1	2011	
Pat Mulloy	Council	Technical Expert	8	2011-	
Eduardo Cardenas	Council	Resident	12	2014	Replaced Annette Rondano
Jamison Tessneer	Council	Resident	8	2011	
Darrel Gerber	Mayor	Environmental Advocacy (Clean Water Action)	8	2007	Now at Freshwater Society
Brian Ross	Mayor	Companies or Industry (Consultant)	5	1998	Moved to different ward.
Marty Broan	Mayor	Technical Expert	7	2009	
Sam Grant	Mayor	Technical Expert	Not in city	2013	Replaced Sarah Sponheim
Roxxanne O'Brien	Mayor	Resident	5	2013	
Michelle Schroeder	Mayor	Resident	6	2011	
Meleah Houseknecht	Mayor	Environmental Advocacy (Sierra Club)	2	2013	
James Nash	Mayor	Companies or Industry (Xcel Energy)	2	2013	Replaced Kevin Bengtson

*2013 Ward Boundary Lines

**CEAC Subcommittees
June 2014**

	Chair	Members	Typical meeting times	2014 ideas
Less Waste	Alexis	Tony, Eduardo, Meleah, Darrell	2:00-3:00 before CEAC meeting	Construction debris Organics
Water	Michelle Stockness	Darrell Gerber, Meleah Houseknecht, and Dave Stack (interested resident, Master Water Steward)	Wednesday August 6th at 8 am at Wilde Roast. We have meetings the first Wednesday of each month.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Identify potential pollutant discharges to storm sewers that are not currently known, identify audiences that are not being reached- action item 3.7 from the City's Stormwater Management Program (draft completed 6/6/14) •Revise water sustainability indicators (draft completed 7/2/14) •Work with the EJ subcommittee on problem flooding areas and green zone development •Asian carp, WRDA developments •Met Council water use planning •Look into Envision, a sustainability rating system for infrastructure •Discuss climate adaptation planning with the City
Utility Franchise	Michelle Schroeder	Brian, Pat, Lisa, Shalini, Roxxanne	Typically 2nd Tues of the month at Windustry	
Environmental Justice	Shalini	Roxxanne, Tony, Andrea, Darrell, Sam, Alexis, Pat	3rd Thursday 12:30 Marias Cafe	
Climate Air	Ross	Michelle Schroeder, Meleah, Lisa, Pat, Shalini, Marty, Alexis, Kevin, Tony	Will be establishing new date.	Climate Action Plan (CAP) priorities focus

Each CEAC member is asked to join and actively participate on at least one subcommittee