

Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting

Thursday May 14, 2015 3:00-5:00 p.m. City Hall (350 S 5th Street) Room 132

Minutes

Attendance: Dylan Bradford Kesti, Anna Abruzzese, Allan Campbell, Lisa Daniels, Michelle Stockness, Darrell Gerber, James Nash, Eduardo Cardenas, Tony Hainault, Roxxanne O'Brien, Brian Ross, Alejandro Ojeda Saint Martin

Others in Attendance: Gayle Prest, Brendon Slotterback, Kelly Muellman (new Sustainability Office staff), Sarah Goodspeed (CEED), Jose Luis Villasenor (Tamales y Bicicletas)

Absences: Adam Arvidson, Andrew Murray, Jen Kader, Meleah Houseknecht, Shalini Gupta

- 1) **Agenda and Minutes.** Michelle Stockness opened the meeting. Michelle explained that the agenda order changed due to the presenter (Greg Goeke) having a scheduling conflict. Initially there was not a quorum to approve the May agenda and April meeting minutes. Once quorum was met, a motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda and minutes. Motion carried. Introductions of visitors were made.
- 2) **Working Group Breakouts.** The Overburdened Communities and Climate Action Planning working groups met for approximately 45 minutes, concurrently.
- 3) **Working Group Updates**
 - **Zero Waste.** Anna Abruzzese reported that the group is developing recommendations on a plastic bag ban. St Louis Park is also considering a ban and the press has begun to cover the issue. The Working Group has drafted a proposal based on other cities' examples/lessons learned. The Zero Waste Working Group will forward the draft proposal later this month to the entire CEAC group and this will be discussed more in depth at the June CEAC meeting.
 - **Overburdened Communities.** Eduardo Cardenas reported on the group's conversation regarding the various government agencies and jurisdictions that are involved in regulating polluters including the federal government, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis. The group will look at how to hold these groups accountable for enforcing rules. The group is interested in following up on the letter CEAC sent last year regarding Green Zones. The Overburdened Communities' regular monthly meetings will be directly after the CEAC meeting.
 - **Climate Action / Clean Energy Partnership.** The group discussed a number of different initiatives that draw on items from the Climate Action Plan and the Clean Energy Partnership including the Comprehensive Plan, having access to good data, the equity component, and transportation and transit issues. The group will be trying to narrow down the topics to something specific they want to work on.
 - **Water.** The group hasn't met lately.
 - **Comprehensive Plan Task Force.** The group will not meet regularly but rather as issues come up. Jack Byers from the Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) Department is available to speak with CEAC on Comprehensive Plan process at its June or July meeting.
- 4) **City Staff and Member Announcements**
 - Martha Ockenfels-Martinez resigned; she is starting a public health master's program. She suggested to Gayle Prest that CEAC hold some meetings in the community.
 - City jobs open – Gayle Prest passed around list of openings in the City including jobs in solid waste and transportation.

- The Clean Energy Partnership is meeting on May 29 to adopt a 2-year (2015-2016) work plan developed by the CEP Planning Team and the Energy Vision Advisory Committee (EVAC). It will be held at the Central Library at 9am. For more information visit the Clean Energy Partnership's website <http://mplscleanenergypartnership.org/>
- James Nash – Mill City Museum and Xcel offering tour of the hydro power plant (fliers were shared at the meeting). James volunteers at the Sexual Violence Center which just celebrated its 30th year – it is a dual purpose group that works on behalf of victims and disrupts mechanisms of rape culture.

5) Proposed Hiawatha Maintenance Facility Expansion. Minneapolis Property Services Director Greg Goeke was not able to join the group due to scheduling conflict and will be asked to present at the July meeting. Jose Luis Villasenor, executive director of Tamales y Bicycletas volunteered to step in and give a presentation on the proposed Minneapolis Public Works facility expansion for the Public Work's Water Division's needs on the current Roof Depot site located in East Phillips neighborhood (about East 28th and 26th Streets, west of Hiawatha Avenue and east of Longfellow Avenue South). The community has held around 10 community meetings to engage residents to define a vision for the area. Outside of this conversation, the community is also reviewing the uses at nearby Smith Foundry and Bituminous Roadways. The community is partnering with a PhD student on a community based participatory research (CBPR) project. The Overburdened Communities Working Group is reviewing the issue and possible CEAC actions.

6) Adjourn. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm.