



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Regulatory Services

Date January 19, 2006
To Honorable Scott Benson, Chair, Health Energy & Environment
Referral to None
Subject Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee Presentation

Recommendation Receive and File

Previous Directives None

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Approved by

Rocco Forte, Assistant City Coordinator

Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval _____ Not Applicable X

Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval _____ Date of Approval _____ Not Applicable X

Presenters in Committee Gayle Prest, Manager, Environmental Services

Dean Abrahamson, Chair, CEAC

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the _____ Capital Budget or _____ Operating Budget.
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
- Business Plan: Action is within the plan. Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Neighborhood Notification

City Goals (Amended Goal #6 related to Sustainability)

Comprehensive Plan (Sustainability Amendment)

Zoning Code

Other

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The Minneapolis Citizen's Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) was formed in 1994 per Council Resolution 94R-177: It replaced the previous Minneapolis Environmental Commission and it was directed to "...work closely with the Environmental Coordinating Team (ECT) by providing advice and comments on projects, programs and policies referred to the CEAC by the ECT. CEAC may suggest priorities for City policies, programs and projects in accordance with criteria such as environmental urgency, scale of environmental impact, ease of implementation, cost and benefits..." Regulatory Services has the primary responsibility for staffing the CEAC.

In addition Council resolutions pertaining to the ECT state the group will "...work closely and seek the advice of the Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee."

CEAC has 18 Members, each serving 2-year terms. The Mayor and the City Council each have the following 8 appointments:

- 2 citizen 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,

- Minneapolis School Board shall designate 1 representative who is responsible for coordinating the environmental curriculum in the Minneapolis Public Schools, and
- Hennepin County Board shall designate a representative with expertise in environmental matters.

The following were members of CEAC serving two year terms which expire December 31, 2006:

	Ward	Appointed by	Category	Affiliation
Dean Abrahamson	2	Council	Advocacy	Retired UM Professor
David Byfield	7	Council	Tech Expert	Retired environmental consultant
Justin Eibenzholz	1	Council	Advocate	SE Como Env Coordinator
Randy Kouri	3	Council	Citizen	Mississippi Corridor Neighborhood
Denise Leezer	11	Mayor	Advocacy	MPCA staff
Brian Ross	5	Mayor	Citizen	Environmental/energy consultant
Walker Smith	9	Council	Tech Expert	MPCA staff
Barb Sullivan	1	Council	Citizen	Windom Parks Citizens in Action
Karen Utt		Council	Business	Xcel environmental analyst
Theresa Wernecke	7	Mayor	Advocacy	Mpls Downtown Trans Mgmt Org
Christine Ziebold	10	Mayor	Business	Parker Hughes Clinic doctor

Dean Abrahamson was elected chair and Walker Smith vice chair in 2005 for a one-year term.

Current Vacancies:

Appointed by	Category
City Council	Business
Mayor	Technical expertise
Mayor	Technical expertise
Mayor	Citizen
Mayor	Business
Mpls School Board	Curriculum coordinator
Hennepin County Board	Environmental expertise