



# ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY COMMISSION

Fridley Municipal Center, 7071 University Ave Ne

## AGENDA

March 10, 2020

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Location: Fridley Civic Campus, Banfill Room, 7:00 PM

### **Call to Order**

### **Approve Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Minutes**

- 1) Review February 11 Minutes

### **New Business**

- 1) Introduction of Krista Peterson- Recording Secretary
- 2) Recap of Commissioner Meeting
- 3) Community Solar Gardens subscription
- 4) Community Utility Board presentation
- 5) Environmental Fun Fair

### **Old Business**

- 1) Summer meeting schedule
- 2) Renewable energy breakfast
- 3) Energy Plan

### **Other**

- 1) Resilient Yards Workshop- April 30
- 2) Tree Sale

Next meeting April 14 at 7:00 PM at Fridley Civic Campus

### **Adjourn**



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### MINUTES

February 11, 2020

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Location: City of Fridley Civic Campus, Banfill Room

#### **Call to Order**

Chair Hansen called the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Amy Dritz, Mark Hansen, Justin Foell, Nick Olberding, Sam Stoxen

Absent: Paul Westby, Heidi Ferris

Others Present: Connie Buesgens, Columbia Heights

Staff: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Chair Hansen called for a motion to adopt the minutes from the January 14, 2020 Environmental Quality and Energy Commission minutes.

Commissioner Dritz made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Olberding seconded the motion to approve the minutes with the above-mentioned corrections.

MOTION PASSED unanimously

#### **New Business**

##### 1. 2020 Meeting Schedule

Ms. Workin reviewed the 2020 Meeting Schedule while she was on medical leave. The following schedule was recommended.

April- Cheryl Seeman- staff liaison Stacy Stromberg

May- Raingarden Maintenance staff liaison Jim Kosluchar

June- Park Tour with Park and Recreation Commission

July- Watershed walk with Dawn Doehring

##### 2. Art X Water residency

Ms. Workin shared that the City was partnering with Rice Creek Watershed District and Banfill Locke Center for the Arts to support an artist in the new Master Water Steward artist cohort. The artist would develop a piece for the Art on Rice Creek Festival to be displayed in Manomin Park

##### 3. Mississippi St meeting

Ms. Workin shared information on the Mississippi St meeting on February 18 including the 4 to 3 lane conversion, proposed round about, and trail facilities. She also shared plans to improve the drainage under the railroad bridge. Commissioner Foell asked about drainage from the sidewalk. Commissioner Hansen recommended some sort of decorative or permeable surface. The Commissioners asked if speed was reviewed. Ms. Workin said that speed was not explicitly included in these changes, but design

considerations have been made to reduce speeding such as the round about and narrowed road width. She also recommended reaching out to the project managers with concerns about speed. Commissioners Foell and Stoxen expressed concern regarding the turn lane configuration at Highway 65. Ms. Workin encouraged the commissioners to attend the meeting or contact the project managers.

### **Old Business**

#### 1. Renewable energy breakfast

Ms. Workin shared that there was a renewable energy breakfast on February 28. She said that there was low RSVPs compared to the energy efficiency breakfast and encouraged commissioners to invite potential invitees.

#### 2. Lawns to Legumes update

Ms. Workin shared that the City had received the grant they applied for with Anoka Conservation District, Coon Rapids, Andover, and Anoka for \$40,000. She said that she would share more information on the program as it became available.

### **Other**

#### 1. Disclosure forms

Ms. Workin collected disclosure forms

#### 2. Tree Sale

Ms. Workin shared that the tree sale was happening again

#### 3. Commissioner Meeting

Commissioners Dritz and Olberding said they planned to attend the February 13 Commissioner meeting. Ms. Workin said she would include an update item on the march agenda.

Next meeting March 10 at 7:00 PM at Fridley Civic Campus

### **Adjourn**

Commissioner Stoxen moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Foell seconded the motion. The meeting of the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



# Memorandum

## Planning Division

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DATE: March 6, 2019

TO: Environmental Quality and Energy Commission members

FROM: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

SUBJECT: Energy Action Plan

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 the City Council approved an Energy Action Plan for the City of Fridley. In order to achieve the goals of the plan, an implementation plan was drafted. The below is a monthly update to the EQEC on progress toward completing the implementation plan:

### February 2020

- 1 social media post
- Continued discussions for community solar subscription
- Renewable Energy Breakfast (22 attendees)
- Presented at PiE symposium on Multi-Family Business Efficiency program (7 buildings referred)
- Article in newsletter on ice dams

### Upcoming Events

- Environmental Fun Fair 5/2