



## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY COMMISSION

Fridley Municipal Center, 7071 University Ave Ne

### AGENDA

May 14, 2019

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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 April 4 Minutes

#### **New Business**

- 1) EAB
- 2) Commissioner Workshop recap
- 3) Congregation Toolkit
- 4) 49'rs Days
- 5) Summer meeting schedule

#### **Old Business**

- 1) Fun Fair update
- 2) Tree Sale update
- 3) ATP outreach update
- 4) Energy Action Plan update

#### **Other**

- 1) Recycling Drop off- May 11
- 2) Recycling Drop off (Fridley Terrace)- May 22
- 3) Blue Thumb Bee Lawns Workshop- June 4

Next meeting June 11 2019 at 7:00 PM at Fridley Civic Campus

#### **Adjourn**



## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY COMMISSION

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### MINUTES

April 9, 2019

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Location: City of Fridley Civic Campus, Banfill Room

#### **Call to Order**

Chair Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:02

Members present: Nick Olberding, Justin Foell, Sam Stoxen, Heidi Ferris, Mark Hansen, Amy Dritz

Absent: Paul Westby

Staff: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Other:

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Foell moved approval of the March 12, 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Olberding seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimously

Commissioner Stoxen inquired if there were height restrictions related to bat boxes. He commented that the setback requirements for a bee keeping license made it infeasible for him to keep bees on his property. Mr. Stoxen expressed interest in bat boxes as a way to support pollinators. Ms. Workin said she would check on the height restrictions. Ms. Workin also recommended the group Beez Kneez that teaches intro to beekeeping at Springbrook Nature Center

#### **New Business**

- 1) Introduction of Amy Dritz

Ms. Workin presented recently approved Commissioner Amy Dritz. EQEC members completed ice breaker of why they joined EQEC.

- 2) ATP discussion

Ms. Workin provided background on why the City was completing a Parks Master Plan. She shared progress on the Social Pinpoint site which would be used to collect opinion for the Parks Plan and Active Transportation Plan. Commissioner Foell asked if there were any changes planned to 61<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Workin said she would ask Public Works Director Jim Kosluchar. Commissioner Olberding asked if it would be possible to switch the

comment language from “like/dislike” to “agree/disagree”. Commissioner Ferris recommended making a video to explain how to use the program. Commissioner Dritz recommended explaining why emails were being collected. Commissioner Foell asked if the bike lane sign disappeared on Main St. Ms. Workin said she would check. Ms. Ferris recommended putting the paddle trail on the map. Chair Hanson asked if there were changes to Islands of Peace. Commissioner Ferris shared work that was done at Lake Phalen related to outreach and going to parks to get data from users. For example, they learned that a group was using the volleyball courts for a different use and were able to adjust the nets. Commissioner Ferris recommended putting more survey outreach into non-active uses. The group reviewed the associated survey and made edits to include winter uses, increase the number of questions about trails, and to include a separate survey geared at commuter bikers.

The commissioners discussed the future of the Girl Scout camp. Chair Hansen previously attended a Planning Commission meeting about the event. Commissioners discussed the importance of the Metropolitan Council paying for improvements to the park.

### 3) Bike Rodeo

Ms. Workin shared that they were planning to include a small obstacle course at the helmet clinic. The group discussed a bike ride in lieu of the June 11 meeting.

### 4) Adopt a Drain

Ms. Workin shared the new adopt a drain program ([adopt-a-drain.org](http://adopt-a-drain.org)) She said the City would promote the program in the near future.

### 5) Congregation Toolking

This event was tabled.

## **Old Business**

### 1) University Ave Wkshp

### 2) Osborne Rd

### 3) Energy Action Plan update

Ms. Workin shared that the City’s Energy Breakfast was well attended.

## **Other**

- 1) Commission Workshop 4/13
- 2) Commission Dinner 4/15
- 3) Tree Pruning Workshop- April 23
- 4) Fun Fair- May 4
- 5) Recycling Drop off- May 11
- 6) Blue Thumb Bee Lawns Workshop- June 4

## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Stoxen moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Olberding seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.



# Memorandum

## Planning Division

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DATE: May 8, 2019

TO: Environmental Quality and Energy Commission members

FROM: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

SUBJECT: Energy Action Plan

On November 26<sup>th</sup> 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:

### April 2019

- 2 social media posts
- Newsletter item on solar panels
- Fun Fair featuring CEE, Renewable Energy village, Electric vehicles, Connexus Energy
- Begin direct calling of Fridley apartment complexes
- Handed out Savers Switch fliers at dropoff

### Upcoming Events

- June 13- 49rs Day Parade