

CEAC Meeting Minutes – October 23, 2013

Attendance: Lisa Daniels, Darrell Gerber, Shalini Gupta, Tony Hainault, Meleah Houseknecht, Pat Mulloy, Roxxanne O'Brien, Jennifer Ringold, Annette Rondano, Michelle Schroeder, Sarah Sponheim, Michelle Stockness, Alexis Troschinetz,

Others in Attendance: Michelle Chavez, Julia Eagles, Cam Gordon, Andrea Jenkins, Mike Luke, Gretchen Musicant, Gayle Prest, Casie Schennum, Brendon Slotterback, Al Swintek,

Absences: Ross Abbey, Marty Broan, Jamison Tessneer

Meeting Minutes and Agenda

Sarah indicated that Ross isn't in attendance so we won't discuss the Climate Action Plan priorities in as much detail today. The presentation of the priorities may be moved to February. Agenda was approved.

The September minutes need to be changed to reflect that Meleah was present. Minutes were approved.

Announcements

1. Tonight there is a mayoral debate on urban agriculture at 7 pm at Sabathani Center. It is sponsored by the Land Stewardship Project.
2. Gayle passed out a flier from Rep. Ellison on a climate change and clean air event on November 6th at North Community High School in Minneapolis at 6:30 pm.
3. Council Member Glidden will be testifying tonight about Xcel's solar garden program at a hearing of the legislature. The proposed design of the program does not meet the needs of installers and customers.
4. The City will be submitting comments on the petition to the PUC about the externalities of fossil fuel use, asking them to update the assessment of impacts and the cost. This will impact future renewables programs and also planning for new coal and natural gas plants. It should include both the impact of climate change emissions and health-related emissions.
5. There will be a happy hour next Wednesday at 4:30 pm at the Crooked Pint to celebrate Tony Hainault's marriage.
6. The wastewater treatment tour is next Wednesday at 3 pm. Michelle Stockness will send out more details to CEAC members.
7. The Park Board will likely receive an Xcel Renewable Development Fund grant. If they get it, they will be able to build five renewable energy demonstration sites within the park system. The Park Board has had public meetings to get ideas on where systems should be located to be highly visible and serve as educational opportunities.
8. Pat is organizing a tour of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Souix Community on November 7th to look at the organic's recycling facility, the water reclamation facility, wind turbine, solar installations, and stormwater management infrastructure. Members should let Pat know if they would like to attend. Tour will be in the afternoon, but the time is not yet set.
9. Michelle Schroeder distributed a handout on MN GreenStep Cities Seminar opportunities. If you have a community connection to other cities in the state, let Michelle know and she can help organize a presentation to get cities signed up.
10. Clean Water Action is having a fundraiser at their office at 6 pm on November 6th.
11. The City will release the results from the first building disclosure release on November 12th. This release will cover City, Park Board, County and public school buildings. Large private buildings will report to the City for the first time in 2014.

Place Matters Viewing

CEAC viewed a portion of the film “Unnatural Causes” entitled “Place Matters” which discussed the health and equity impacts of the place a person lives. CEAC members discussed their reactions to the film.

CM Gordon mentioned that the City is developing an equity toolkit that can help the enterprise view decisions through an equity lens. Department heads will soon be completing a training based on the City of Seattle’s equity toolkit.

Subcommittee Updates

Climate Action Plan Priorities Task Force - The Task Force has met twice to review the draft list of priorities that has been developed by Staff. The Task Force should return to CEAC in the next few months with recommendations for changes and additions. The priorities will likely be presented to the Council in February.

Future meeting agenda items – October 23rd and December 4th

- November 4th – Contaminants of Emerging Concern
- Update on Energy Pathways Study
- Park Board Ecological System Plan
- Parade Ice Arena tour or presentation
- RiverFirst/Above The Falls Master Plan project introduction

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

**CEAC Subcommittees
October 2013**

	Chair	Members	Typical meeting times	2013 ideas
Less Waste	Sarah	Jamison, Annette, Diane, Tony, Ross	2:00-3:00 before CEAC meeting	Construction debris Organics
Water	Darrell	Michelle Stockness, Meleah, Sarah	3 rd Thursday 8:00-9:00 am Wilde Roast	
Air Climate Suspended for two months)	Ross	Michelle Schroeder, Meleah, Sarah, Lisa, Pat, Shalini, Marty, Alexis, Kevin, Tony	2 nd Thursday 4:00 Common Roots	Climate Action Plan Env Justice Energy Efficiency Renewables
Utility Franchise	Michelle Schroeder	Brian, Pat, Meleah, Sarah, Lisa, Shalini, Roxxanne		
Environmental Justice	Shalini	Roxxanne		
Climate Action Plan Task Force	Ross	See Air Climate		