

Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting
Thursday June 12, 2014 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Minneapolis City Hall Room 132

Agenda

- 3:30 1) Approval of June Agenda and May Minutes (Attach 1)**
- 3:35 2) Community Indicators and CEAC Role (Kim Keller)**
- Continuation of conversation from May meeting
 - Goal is to have informed conversation about City's upcoming Community Indicators design and the opportunities/next steps for CEAC to participate
- 4:45 3) Action: Franchise Agreement/Partnership Recommendations (Michelle Schroeder Attach 2)**
- 5:00 4) Action: CEAC representative on MPRB and MWMO Ecological System Plan (Attach 3)**
- 5:15 5) City Staff and Member Announcements**
- Environmentally Acceptable Packaging (polystyrene ban) passed
 - Mobile Grocery Store Ordinance passed
 - Revision to Bee Ordinance: June 16 public hearing at HECE
 - Minneapolis MPRB's NPDES Annual Report: comments to City by June 17
- 5:30 6) July 10 meeting items and Adjourn**
- Presentation on utility negotiations

City Council's Health Environment and Community Engagement Committee June 16, July 7, July 21,
August 4 August 18

CEAC Tentative Calendar:

- July: Franchise agreement negotiations report, (update on Public Utilities Commission work, EPA Clean Air Rules update?)
- August: Working meeting with social event after. CEAC 2015-2016 member recruitment
- September/October: Reviewing the Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan(will be updated in the next few years, talk about CEAC's role in that, room for sustainability integration into the plan),
- November:
- December:

Community Environmental Advisory Commission Group Norms

This document is intended to guide interactions between and work by CEAC members and others in meetings, off line conversations and emails in order to have effective outcomes

Be respectful

- Listen thoughtfully
- Treat each other with dignity and respect
- Agree to disagree
- Work toward consensus
- Challenge constructively
- Be open to other opinions
- Speak to issues, not people
- Deal with issues, not personalities
- Don't interrupt; don't speak over each other; take turns speaking
- Be transparent and avoid hidden agendas
- Problems are presented in a way that promotes mutual discussion and resolution

Prepare for and hold efficient and effective meetings

- Attend meetings (see bylaws)
- Notify staff of unavoidable absences
- Come to meetings on time
- No sidebar conversations
- Read agenda and material before the meeting
- Stick to agenda
- Assist in subcommittee work
- Focus on what's important
- Prioritize

Process

- Chair facilitates meetings and starts/ends on time
- All CEAC members must be recognized by chair and the chair will recognize all CEAC members wanting to speak
- Agenda changes after the initial agenda approval will be the chair's prerogative
- Chair and vice chair will set draft agendas
- Agendas will be emailed by the Wednesday prior to the meeting

Adopted May 2010 and reviewed again January 2013

June 12, 2014

Dear Council Member Gordon, City Council Members, and Mayor Hodges:

This letter is a follow up to input provided by the Community Environmental Advisory Commission (“CEAC”) regarding development of the City’s Energy Vision and the resulting 2014 Minneapolis Energy Pathways Study (the “Study”). The Study analyzes a variety of different pathways that the City of Minneapolis (the “City”) and the utilities, both Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy (the “Utilities”), could pursue. CEAC feels it is important at this time to provide additional input given the current franchise agreement negotiations between the City and the Utilities.

Fortunately, the Utilities have both clearly and publicly stated a desire to be good partners with the City, working collaboratively to help identify and implement partnership arrangements that help the City meet its energy and environmental justice goals.

This letter is intended to help set us all on that course.

CEAC strongly recommends the following:

- Establish a City-Utility Partnership Agreement between Minneapolis and each of the Utilities.
- The development of what this Partnership looks like must be done using a broad, transparent, community-based, stakeholder-driven process. This includes CEAC’s continued engagement.
- The City-Utility Partnership Agreement should be simultaneous with, and feed into, any Franchise Agreement that the City signs with the Utilities.
- A Partnership Agreement should include clear milestones and metrics that demonstrate that the Partnership is meeting the City’s March 2014 adopted Greenhouse-Gas Reduction Goal and the City’s 2013 Energy Vision. An ideal reference for which milestones and metrics to use are available on page 69 of the Energy Pathways Study.
- Conduct a review of the Partnership in two years (i.e., CEAC strongly recommends a two-year franchise agreement), at which time the City and Utilities could assess the success of the Partnership and then consider signing a longer franchise agreement.

CEAC believes these recommendations are in line with the City’s recently-adopted, long-term greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal: reduce emissions by 80% by the year 2050.

These recommendations also support the 2013 Energy Vision, which states: “In 2040, Minneapolis’ energy system will provide reliable, affordable, local and clean energy services for Minneapolis homes, businesses and institutions. It will sustain the city’s economy and environment and contribute to a more socially just community. These goals address greenhouse gas pollution, use and ownership of renewable energy, energy efficiency, reliability, affordability, and access to energy use information.”

Also, given the health and economic disparities in the City that we are collectively working to eradicate (see CEAC February letter on environmental justice), we strongly feel that mechanisms need to be in place that will ensure transparency and an optimal result for all Minneapolis residents (owners and renters) and businesses (large and small). We believe it is incumbent upon the City and good public policy to put accountability measures in place.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to implement the Climate Action Plan.

Sincerely,

cc: Gayle Prest, Director of Sustainability Brendon Slotterback, Sustainability Program Coordinator

**CEAC Subcommittees
June 2014**

	Chair	Members	Typical meeting times	2013 ideas
Less Waste	Alexis	Tony, Eduardo, Meleah, Darrell	2:00-3:00 before CEAC meeting	Construction debris Organics
Water	Michelle Stockness	Meleah, Darrell	3 rd Thursday 8:00-9:00 am Wilde Roast	Asian Carp
Utility Franchise	Michelle Schroeder	Brian, Pat, Meleah, Sarah, Lisa, Shalini, Roxanne	Typically 2nd Tues of the month at Windustry	
Environmental Justice	Shalini	Roxanne, Tony, Andrea, Darrell, Sam, Alexis, Pat	3rd Thursday 12:30 Marias Cafe	
Climate Air	Ross	Michelle Schroeder, Meleah, Lisa, Pat, Shalini, Marty, Alexis, Kevin, Tony		Climate Action Plan (CAP) priorities focus

Each CEAC member is asked to join and actively participate on at least one subcommittee