

Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting
Thursday February 12, 2015 3:00-5:00 p.m. City Hall (350 S 5th Street) Room 132

Minutes

Attendance: Dylan Bradford Kesti, Anna Abruzzese, Andrew Murray, Alejandro Ojeda Saint-Martin, Martha Ockenfels-Martinez, Allan Campbell, Jen Kader, Roxxanne O'Brien, Lisa Daniels, Michelle Stockness, Darrell Gerber, Meleah Houseknecht, James Nash, Brian Ross, Tony Hainault, Adam Arvidson, Eduardo Cardenas

Others in Attendance: Gayle Prest, Brendon Slotterback

Absences:, Shalini Gupta

1) City Staff and Member Announcements.

- a. Ethics training is available and required for advisory committee members. Please complete the training if you have not already. Gayle can send out a link if members do not have it.
- b. CEAC members have to sign an oath required by the City. Gayle will have more information at the next meeting.
- c. One Minneapolis grants will be available soon for community organizations. More information is available at:
<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/boards/ncec/WCMS1P-121027>
- d. The Community Connections Conference is on March 21st from 9 to 3 pm at the Minneapolis Convention Center.
- e. Congressman Keith Ellison will have a Town Hall Meeting on Air and Asthma at the Shiloh Temple from 6 to 7:30 pm on February 17th.
- f. The first meeting of the Clean Energy Partnership Board was held on February 4th. The Board approved the EVAC charter and the application process for EVAC members is now open.
- g. 2013 GHG Inventory figures are now available on the City's Sustainability website. More information is at:
<http://minneapolismn.gov/sustainability/indicators/WCMS1P-087163>
- h. The CERTs Conference is on March 10th at St. Cloud Convention Center. The conference covers the latest information on energy efficiency and clean energy.
- i. Jen Kader is hosting a Powerful Conversation at her house soon on community solar and how people can access it. Jen will circulate information to the group.
- j. The USGBC is holding a conversation on community solar on February 26th at 4:30 pm at LHB Architects.
- k. On October 25th through October 28th there are five major environmental organizations in Minneapolis. AASHE, and MN2015 are holding a joint conference that includes 40 to 60 former world leaders on sustainability and energy. The Urban Sustainability Directors Network will be holding their annual meeting. Congregations Caring for Creation will also be here, and may have joint activities with the MN2015 group.

2) Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- a. The agenda was amended to correct the numbering of the items and to modify the text on Strategic Planning exercise to be clear about the activities.
 - b. The January minutes were approved.
- 3) **Approval of 2015 Meeting Schedule.** CEAC members voted to hold meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 3:30 to 5:30.
- 4) **CEAC Strategic Planning exercise.** Brendon led CEAC members through an exercise to narrow down priorities from the brainstorming that happened at the January meeting. This included a review of all the ideas that were submitted, and a voting exercise to allow members to identify the top priority items for action in the next two years. Members volunteered to lead small-group conversations about the top priorities, and filled out the SMART worksheets to provide information about their topic. Staff will return with a summary of the worksheets for the March meeting. Members will have more time to discuss their topic area work at that meeting.
- 5) **Election of Chair and Vice Chair.** CEAC suspended the rules to enable them to elect a Chair and Vice Chair at the March meeting.
- 6) **March meeting items**
 - Election of Chair and Vice Chair
 - Further discussion of the strategic plan
- 7) **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.