

## Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting

Thursday June 11, 2015 3:30-5:30  
City Hall (350 S 5th Street) Room 132

### Minutes

Attendance: Adam Arvidson, Alejandro Ojeda Saint-Martin, Allan Campbell, Andrew Murray, Anna Abruzzese, Brian Ross, Darrell Gerber, Dylan Bradford Kesti, Eduardo Cardenas, Jen Kader, Lisa Daniels, Michelle Stockness, Shalini Gupta, Roxanne OBrien, Meleah Houseknecht, Tony Hainault

Others in Attendance: Gayle Prest, Kelly Muellman, Laurelyn Sandkamp, Greg Goeke, Council Member Cam Gordon, Shawn Dobbins , Jose Luis Villasenor, Council Member Alondra Cano, Aisha Gomez

Absences: none

**1) Agenda and Minutes.** Meeting called to order by Anna Abruzzese at 3:42PM. Roxanne OBrien made a friendly amendment to the agenda to allow the Overburdened Communities work group have 10 minutes following Greg Goeke' s presentation (4:10-4:20pm) to propose, discuss and vote on a letter addressed to the City Council taking a position on the Roof Depot site. The motioned was moved by Shalini Gupta, and seconded by Andrew Murray. There was unanimous approval of agenda, with the amendment, and minutes.

**2) Update by Council Member Cam Gordon.** Council Member Gordon provided an overview of the City's proposed Zero-Waste Policy. He apologized for not taking it to CEAC first, but the City Council wanted to move quickly. The Policy has already been introduced at two City Council committees (Health Energy Community Engagement and Transportation and Public Works) and has had unanimous support. The Policy sets an intention to clarify goals for waste, recycling and organics. The goals are citywide, not just those currently served by Minneapolis Solid Waste and Recycling Department's services. The City Council wants to work with CEAC to develop a community engagement plan for the Zero Waste Plan called for in the Policy. The Zero Plan will go to the City Council in spring 2016.

**3) Presentation by Greg Goeke, Minneapolis Property Services Director, on the Hiawatha Maintenance Facility Proposed Expansion.** Greg Goeke' s presentation included an overview of the Property Services Department, the need for a new operations site for the City's Water Distribution Maintenance, the reasons for selecting the Roof Depot site as a preferred location, and the history of private and City operations at the Hiawatha Maintenance Facility and Roof Depot site. Greg stated that the City is aware of the community's concerns and if the City Council's Ways and Means Committee directs staff to negotiate with the seller, the City will contract with a consultant for additional traffic and air quality impact studies. Following Greg's presentation there was a lengthy Q&A. Council Member Alondra Cano helped field some of the questions regarding the community's concerns with the City's use of the Roof Depot site and the upcoming Ways and Means meeting on Monday, June 15.

**4) Review comment letter from Overburdened Communities working group.** The Overburdened Communities working group shared a draft comment letter requesting that the City Council oppose City staff entering into negotiations to purchase Roof Depot site, unless the City meets the community's vision. Roxanne made a motion of support for the letter. The motion was seconded. There were two friendly amendments made. The first amendment was to add the following sentence to the end of the fourth paragraph, "Furthermore, the city should not proceed to move forward with purchase negotiations until these principles are met." The second was to modify the end of the last sentence of the third paragraph to read "which are currently not realized" instead of "which is not realized in the current proposal." The motion and friendly amendments passed with two abstentions (Adam Arvidson and Tony Hainault).

**4) Proposed CEAC Recommendations re: Plastic Bag Ban.** Andrew Murray introduced the proposal, which include a set of recommendations to City Council for the development of an ordinance that would ban plastic bags. Anna and Andrew responded to questions from CEAC on the proposal. Jen Kader moved to support the

plastic bag ban proposal. The motion was seconded. There was a friendly amendment to change the proposal's title to "proposed policy recommendations" not "proposed policy." The motion and amendment passed unanimously.

**5) Adjourn.** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:35PM.