

Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting

Thursday December 10, 2015 3:30-5:30

Minneapolis City Hall Room 132

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Anna Abruzzese, Allan Campbell, Lisa Daniels, Tony Hainault, Meleah Houseknecht, Andrew Murray, Dylan Bradford Kesti, Darrell Gerber, Jen Kader, Jenna Grove

Others in Attendance: Brendon Slotterback, Robin Garwood (policy aid to Council Member Cam Gordon), Mike Luke, Gayle Prest

Absences: Brian Ross, James Nash, Roxxanne OBrien, Alejandro Ojeda Saint-Martin, Michelle Stockness, Ricardo McCurley

1) Meeting Called to Order

Anna Abruzzese called the meeting called to order at 3:35p.m. There was no quorum at this time to approve the agenda and November minutes. There was consensus to move forward with the agenda moving approval of minutes to the end. Motion carried. CEAC member Eduardo Cardenas sent an email earlier in the day resigning effective immediately – he was a City Council resident representative. A card was passed around thanking him for his service. Robin Garwood gave a brief update on the recently passed 2016 City Budget. While the one-time \$50,000 for a Green Zones pilot project was amended moving funds to the Fire Department – the Green Zones policy formation is still moving forward (having passed the City Council's Health Environment and Community Engagement Committee earlier). As a related update, the Roof Depot acquisition has not moved forward to the City Council's Ways and Means Committee (this was discussed at the November meeting). The group recognized and thanked Brendon Slotterback for his work with CEAC over the last four years (Brendon has taken a job with the McKnight Foundation).

2 & 3) Recognizing New Member Jenna Grove and Getting to Know Fellow Members

Jenna Grove was recently appointed by the City Council as an Environmental Advocacy Group representing Clean Water Action. She is currently their Legislative Program Coordinator. The other new member, Ricardo McCurley, was ill and unable to attend. The group went around quickly and made introductions welcoming Jenna.

Allen Campbell, who is a Mayoral appointee representing the Sierra Club, reflected on his environmental background and passions. He previously worked in New Jersey as an environmental regulator, and also spent time on a community Planning Commission before retiring and moving to Minneapolis.

Quorum was established.

4) Reflections on 2015 CEAC Activities

Anna lead the group in a small group break-out exercise to discuss what each working group accomplished in 2015 and what the groups hope to do next year. Waste, Overburdened Communities, Climate Action Planning and Water groups met. Each then reported out their findings to the larger group.

- This will be further discussed at the January meeting.
- Anna also mentioned that it is anticipated that CEAC will give a presentation to the City Council's Health, Environment and Community Engagement (HECE) Committee the first quarter of 2016 and the findings will help shape that presentation.

6) City Staff and Member Announcements

There were no additional announcements than what was on the agenda.

7) Meeting Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned.