



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY COMMISSION

Fridley Municipal Center, 7071 University Ave Ne

AGENDA

October 1, 2019

Location: Fridley Civic Campus, Banfill Room, 7:00 PM

Call to Order

Approve Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Minutes

- 1) Review September 10 Minutes

New Business

- 1) Presentation by Metropolitan Mosquito Control District
- 2) Approve 2020 meeting dates

Old Business

- 1) Energy Action Plan update
- 2) Mississippi St Meeting Recap

Other

- 1) 53rd Trail open house- October 26

Next meeting November 12 at 7:00 PM at Fridley Civic Campus

Adjourn



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MINUTES

August 13, 2019

Location: City of Fridley Civic Campus, Banfill Room

Call to Order

Chair Hansen called the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission to order at 7:01

Members present: Amy Dritz, Nick Olberding, Heidi Ferris, Sam Stoxen, Absent: Mark Hanson, Justin Foell

Members absent: Paul Westby

Staff: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Other: Britta Dornfeld, Coon Creek Watershed District; Steve Eggert, Council Member

Approval of Minutes

Chair Hansen called for a motion to adopt the minutes from the July 9, 2019 Environmental Quality and Energy Commission minutes.

Commissioner Foell made a motion and Commissioner Stoxen seconded the motion to approve the minutes.

MOTION PASSED unanimously

New Business

- 1) Presentation by Britta Dornfeld, Coon Creek Watershed District (CCWD)

Ms. Dornfeld presented on CCWD's work related to Contaminants of Emerging Concern (CECs), which include:

- New chemicals
- Pharmaceuticals
- Pesticides
- Old chemicals being used in new ways
- Old chemicals that can now be detected
- Personal care products
- Microplastics

Which have been funded by a Minnesota Department of Health grant. She provided an overview of CCWD's outreach activity. The group provided additional outreach suggestions such as the senior newsletter and police

officers alerting residents of pharmaceutical theft. Chair Hansen asked where residents could find more information. Ms. Dornfeld recommended CCWD's website or Anoka County's. Commissioner Ferris recommended reaching out to churches. She also shared her experience interacting with churches through the Smart Salting workshop. Ms. Dornfeld said there would be a Smart Salting workshop at Springbrook on September 19th. Ms. Workin said she would let the attendees at the Cops and Clergy meeting know about the event.

2) Presentation by Heidi Ferris

Commissioner Ferris shared a story map of her sabbatical to Europe. She noticed strong themes of consistent signage, positive messaging, integration of art, nature, and play, and intergenerational spaces in order to create a sense of place, increase sustainability, and effect behavior change.

3) Mississippi St:

Ms. Workin shared that Anoka County was beginning work to update Mississippi St, and a tentative meeting was scheduled for September 24th. She said that she would share more information once it was available. Chair Hansen commented on the steepness of the grade of the road in the western section. Commissioner Foell discussed the possibility of incorporating art into the underpass. Commissioner Dritz stated the importance of planning to maintain art. Commissioner Ferris shared a photo of a defunct sign. Chair Hansen said he would share the photo with Anoka County.

Old Business

1) EAB Plan update

Ms. Workin shared that the City had begun chemical injecting ash in conformance with the City's emerald ash borer mitigation plan.

2) Energy Action Plan update

Ms. Workin said the information was in the packet.

Other

1) Stevenson Raingarden Meeting

Commissioner Hansen said that he went to an informative raingarden maintenance. He said that MWMO was planning a workshop at Stevenson Elementary and would provide more information as it became available. Ms.

Workin said that the girl scouts would also be doing a service project at the raingarden as part of maintenance week.

2) Recycling Dropoff- September 14

Ms. Workin shared that the City had collected 20 tons more from the first half of 2019 than 2018, so people are getting used to the new location.

3) Mississippi St Meeting #1- September 24th

See New Business, Item 3

4) Parks Master Plan

Chair Hansen asked Ms. Workin to provide an update of the Parks Master Plan meeting. She shared that the meetings had been completed and had focused on what people liked and what they wanted to see changed. She described specific park recommendations that were commented on. The group discussed Commons Park, in which everyone parks on 7th vs. the parking lot. So consideration should be given to shifting parking lot and amenities to be closer together or including improved walking facilities.

Adjournment

Commissioner Stoxen moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Olberding seconded the motion. The meeting Environmental Quality and Energy Commission adjourned at 8:19.



Memorandum

Planning Division

DATE: October 3, 2019

TO: Environmental Quality and Energy Commission members

FROM: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

SUBJECT: Energy Action Plan

On November 26th the City Council approved an Energy Action Plan for the City of Fridley. In order to achieve the goals of the plan, an implementation plan was drafted. The below is a monthly update to the EQEC on progress toward completing the implementation plan:

September 2019

- 2 social media posts
- Newsletter article on community solar
- Direct calling all apartment complex
- Tabled at Senior Kickoff
- Handouts at recycling drop-offs

Upcoming Events

- Presentation to Senior Center 10/3
- Handouts at Fire Dept Open House 10/5
- Tabling at New Resident Mixer 10/12
- Presentation at landlord meeting 11/7