



## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY COMMISSION

Fridley Municipal Center, 7071 University Ave Ne

### AGENDA

January 14, 2019

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

#### **Call to Order**

#### **Approve Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Minutes**

- 1) Review December 10 Minutes

#### **New Business**

- 1) Presentation by Alyssa Kruzel, Community Engagement Specialist
- 2) University Service Rd Trail
- 3) PACE financing

#### **Old Business**

- 1) Lawns to Legumes program

#### **Other**

- 1) Disclosure forms

Next meeting February 11 at 7:00 PM at Fridley Civic Campus

#### **Adjourn**



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### MINUTES

December 10, 2019

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Location: City of Fridley Civic Campus, Banfill Room

#### **Call to Order**

Chair Hanson called the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Amy Dritz, Sam Stoxen, Mark Hanson, Justin Foell, Nick Olberding

Absent: Heidi Ferris, Paul Westby

Staff: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Chair Hansen called for a motion to adopt the minutes from the November 12 Environmental Quality and Energy Commission minutes.

Ms. Workin states there was an error, and that the minutes said to approve the November 12 minutes instead of the October 8 minutes

Commissioner Olberding made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Foell seconded the motion to approve the minute with the abovementioned correction.

MOTION PASSED unanimously

#### **New Business**

##### 1) Chair/Vice Chair appointments

Ms. Workin stated that the EQEC needed to appoint chair members. Commissioner Stoxen made a motion to reappoint Mark Hansen as chair and Nick Olberding as vice chair. Commissioner Foell seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimously

Commissioner Olberding asked if there was any movement on adding teens to commissions. Ms. Workin said she hadn't heard of any.

##### 2) Active Transportation Plan

Ms. Workin shared edits that had been made to the ATP based on EQEC feedback. Chair Hansen discussed the educational outreach that must accompany HAWK infrastructure, and reviewed traffic circles.

Commissioner Foell recommended repeating the headings on tables broken by pages

Commissioner Foell motioned to recommend that the Active Transportation Plan be recommended to the Planning Commission for approval. Commissioner Dietz seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED Unanimously.

Ms. Workin shared potential plans for trail sidewalk infrastructure along University Avenue Service Roads between 69<sup>th</sup> and 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenues. Commissioner Dietz said that the sidewalk was located in a better location. Commissioner Foell recommended thinking about crosswalks and designing the system in the straightest path. He recommended a crosswalk to Holiday. Chair Hansen asked if you could remove trees by placing the sidewalk right along the curb. He said that the service road was lower volume north of 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. The EQEC preferred the sidewalk to the trail option

### 3) Metropolitan Council Water Efficiency Grant

Ms. Workin shared that the City had received a \$20,000 grant for rebates for water efficient toilets, washing machines, and irrigation systems. The EQEC recommended hosting a dinner at Springbrook on irrigation systems and reaching out to large businesses and churches with irrigation systems.

### 4) Recycling Dropoff Update

Ms. Workin shared information comparing 2019 dropoffs with previous years. She shared that the City was able to recycle 20 more tons of material for \$1000 less dollars than in 2017.

## **Old Business**

### 1) Energy Action Plan update

Ms. Workin said the information was in the packet. Commissioner Olberding shared that he was working with other commissions on a HES challenge for 2020.

### 2) Lawns to Legumes

Ms. Workin shared information on the Lawns to Legumes grant which is now open.

## **Other**

### 1) TOD project; funding of TOD sidewalks Main St project

Chair Hansen discussed a project in the TOD that was approved by the planning commission. The group discussed the zero-lot line provision within the TOD.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Foell moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Stoxen seconded the motion. The meeting Environmental Quality and Energy Commission adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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# Memorandum

## Planning Division

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DATE: January 9, 2019

TO: Environmental Quality and Energy Commission members

FROM: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

SUBJECT: Energy Action Plan

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 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:

### December 2019

- 1 social media post
- PACE program approved
- Begin discussions for community solar subscription

### Upcoming Events

- Energy breakfast 2/27