



# ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

June 14, 2022

7:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Ave N.E.

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## AGENDA

### Call to Order

### Approval of Agenda

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approve the Minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission meeting of May 10, 2022.

### New Business

2. Recodification Update

### Old Business

3. Energy Action Plan Updates
4. Grant Updates
5. Outreach Updates

### Other Items

6. Informal Status Reports

### Adjournment



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## MINUTES

### Call to Order

CHAIR DRITZ called the commission to order at 7:01 PM

### Present

Amy Dritz  
Justin Foell  
Sam Stoxen  
Nick Olberding  
Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner  
Max Lohse, Planning Intern  
David Elvin, MnDOT  
Chris Bower, MnDOT  
Marcell Walker, Bolto & Menk

### Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Commissioner Stoxen to APPROVE the May 10, 2022, meeting agenda. SECONDED by Commissioner Olberding. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Commissioner Foell to APPROVE the April 12, 2022, meeting minutes. SECONDED by Commissioner Olberding. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

### New Business

1. Max Lohse Introduction

Ms. Workin introduced, Max Lohse, the new Planning Intern for the summer.

2. TH 47/65 Planning and Environmental Linkages Study Updates

David Elvin, MnDOT; Chris Bower, MnDOT; and Marcell Walker, Bolton & Menk provided an update on scheduled work and the PEL study of TH 47 and TH 65.

**Old Business**

## 3. EV Program Discussion

Ms. Workin provided an update on discussions around EV charging with CSG.

## 4. Energy Action Plan Updates

Ms. Workin provided an informational update regarding the Energy Action Plan including new insulation rebates issued and Fun Fair tabling.

## 5. Grant Updates

Ms. Workin provided an informational update regarding awarded grants including the Lawns to Legumes demonstration grant, a BWSR HELPP grant for the Commons Park hillside, and a Met Council Water Efficiency Grant.

## 6. 2022 Outreach Events

Ms. Workin provided an information update on completed outreach events including the Household Hazardous Waste collection and Environmental Fun Fair.

**Other Items**

## 7. Informal Status Reports

Commissioner Foell provided an update on the annual commissioner conference.

Ms. Workin reminded commissioners to RSVP to the May 31 presentation on meeting procedure provided by Kennedy-Graven by May 27.

**Adjournment**

MOTION by Commissioner Olberding to adjourn the meeting SECONDED by Commissioner Foell. The MOTION PASSED unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.



# AGENDA REPORT

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**Meeting Date:** June 14, 2022

**Meeting Type:** Environmental Quality and Energy (EQEC) Commission

**Submitted By:** Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

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## **Title**

Approve the Minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission meeting of May 10, 2022.

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## **Background**

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## **Recommendation**

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## **Attachments and Other Resources**

- Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Minutes- May 10, 2022.

## **Vision Statement**

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Recodification Update

## Background

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On August 23, 2021, the Fridley City Council passed a resolution to begin a three-year process to recodify the City Code. Ordinance No. 1399 was adopted on February 28, 2022 adopting the new Chapter 1 of the City Code and revisions to Chapter 2 are currently underway. Soon, staff will begin working on Chapter 3 which will include revisions to the existing:

- [Chapter 101 Animal Control](#)
- [Chapter 104 Tree Management](#)
- [Chapter 105 Landscape Maintenance](#)
- [Chapter 109 Air Quality](#)
- [Chapter 113 Solid Waste](#)

## Recommendation

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Staff will discuss the current provisions of these codes to these codes for information purposes.

## Attachments and Other Resources

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- None

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## Title

Energy Action Plan Updates

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## Background

At the November 9 meeting, the EQEC recommended adoption of Phase 2 of the Energy Action Plan. The following activities were completed this past month:

- June cable show on outdoor energy savings
- Direct outreach to all 5-plus multi-family buildings
- Tabling at Environmental Fun
- Loaned energy jenga to Woodcrest school

The following activities are projected in the next month:

- Tabling June 21 concert
- Developing loanable home energy kit
- Beginning SolSmart programming

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## Recommendation

Commissioners should review and discuss if there are other activities that should be considered.

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## Attachments and Other Resources

- None

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Grant Updates

## Background

The purpose of this item is to provide Commissioners updates on sustainability grants held by the City.

### Grants in the Pre-Application Stage

- CCWD grant for Apex Pond improvements

### Grants Under Review

- Met Council Regional Solicitation Grant for 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge w/ Anoka County
- Lawns to Legumes grant for Craig Park Bee Lawn

### Active Grants

- Recycling grant (ongoing)
- CCWD grant for Craig Park improvements
- BWSR/RCWD grant for Moore Lake IESF project
- DNR grant for mitigating impacts of EAB
- RCWD grant for 6 raingardens in Rice Creek Terrace neighborhood
- RCWD grant for road diet on University Ave Service Rd
- Met Council Water Efficiency Grant pt 2
- LRIP grant for 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Trail Project
- RS grant for 7<sup>th</sup> St Trail Project
- CCWD grant for hydrodynamic separator in 2022 Street Project Area
- RCWD grant for sumps in Farr Lake neighborhood
- University Avenue Lighting Project
- SHIP grant for bike fleet (SNC/Recreation)
- SHIP grant for Civic Campus orchard
- Lawns to Legumes Demonstration Neighborhood Grant (ACD grant in partnership with Coon Rapids, and Lino Lakes)
- Met Council Climate Mitigation grant for feasibility study of 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave
- BWSR HELP grant for native plant restoration on Commons Park hillside
- Met Council Water Efficiency Grant pt 3

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Grants Closed (1/1/2021+)

- SHIP grant for wayfinding kiosk
- MDH Well Sealing Grant

**Recommendation**

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**Attachments and Other Resources**

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2022 Outreach Events

## Background

Outreach at community events is an important strategy to build environmental awareness and increase engagement. Events that have been completed since the last meeting as well as upcoming outreach events are listed below.

Completed events (5/11-6/14)

- Tour of Recycling Facilities with City Council

Confirmed events and topics

- Recycling Drop-offs (5 in 2022)
- Park Plaza Recycling Dropoff (June 11)
- 49rs Day (June 17)
  - Kids Party Tabling
  - EV Showcase
- Book Swap (July 19 before Civic Campus concert)
- Garage Sale/Trash to Treasure Day (7/22-7/24)
- Book Swap- Kids Concert
- Night to Unite (8/2)
  - Green Block Parties

Potential Events

- Community wide clean up (TBD)
- Pumpkin Night in the Park
  - Energy
- Coats from Cops
  - Light bulbs give away
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## Recommendation

Commissioners should discuss if there are other community events that are a priority, what topics should be highlighted, and if there is an interest in commissioner involvement.

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## **Attachments and Other Resources**

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- None

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Informal Status Reports

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## **Background**

Staff and Commissioners will share informal status reports on programs happening in the City.

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## **Recommendation**

None

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## **Attachments and Other Resources**

None

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