

# Community Environmental Advisory Commission Agenda

Regular Meeting

December 20, 2022 - 05:00 PM

City Hall Room 132

**Members:** Hannah Jenkins, Max Dalton, Indigo Davitt- Liu, Meron Demissie, Mark Dhennin, Tess Dornfeld, Divine Islam, Mathew Douglas-May, Sandy Fazeli, Lauren Fleming, Maddie Henderson, LesLee Jackson, Anna Johnson, Toya Lopez, Barbara Lunde, Nicholas Minderman, Erin Niehoff, Suzanne Savanick Hansen, Jaqueline Zepeda (Quorum - 10)

Staff: Bjorn Olson

**Guests:** Fernanda Acosta, Lupe Tejada-Diaz, Reid Brown, Verlynn Schmale, Alan Campbell, Ophelie Echelard, Kate Knuth, Ed Eiffler Jaramillo, BJ Wilder

## Call to Order

1. Roll Call.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Acceptance of minutes

[October 18, 2022 Community Environmental Advisory Commission](#)

## Consent

Location:  
Minneapolis City Hall  
350 S 5<sup>th</sup> St. Room 132

Land Acknowledgement: As we meet here today, we are reminded that Minneapolis is situated on the homelands of the Dakota people. An area that is steeped in rich Indigenous history, it is home to Indigenous people from more than 30 different nations. As a City, we have a responsibility to care for the land on which we live and work and all its natural surroundings. This stewardship is an integral part of our involvement in this commission, and we honor it as we begin our meeting. We now open this space to discuss ways in which we can support Indigenous and Black people in our community.

The Thirteen Moons Fond du Lac Tribal College Extension Program will host the 2023 Gichi Manidoo Giizis Traditional Pow Wow on January 13th and 14th, 2023 at the Black Bear Casino and Hotel-Otter Creek Event Center.

White Earth Nations Annual Health and Wellness Jan 21 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnommen.

## Presentations:

MN350 – People's Climate and Equity Plan

- Carbon dioxide reduction is driving goal
- Funding model: Portland passed their Clean Energy Fund as a ballot initiative; Mpls is looking at an ordinance. MN350 wants substantial dedicated community governance and oversight for the fund.
- It's important to add climate/equity lens to existing spending and any additional funding

- Coalition members spoke on behalf and in support of the MN350 plan, including: Katherine from ISAIAH; Alan from Sierra Club; and Fernanda from Unidos MN.
- Leslee Jackson asked how much funding will be generated?
  - The program will be ramped up over a period of 6 years to reach approximately \$110 million. Money will be raised from pollution control annual registration and include the social cost of carbon to PCAR and franchise fee. The structure is to avoid communities with higher cost burdens
- Leslee Jackson asked why Portland was used as a model.
  - Portland's model is set up for carbon dioxide reduction opposed to Minneapolis' current model of a 3% franchise fee is 3% across residential, commercial, industrial. Fining emissions is a more equitable approach while also incentivizing emission reductions.
- Mark Dhennin asked about the basis of funding requirement. Is \$110 million/year enough? How will this pair with state and federal funding?
  - While there are several paths to decarbonization that have different costs, Nick Minderman noted a recent estimate that building electrification and weatherization would cost an estimated \$2-2.5 billion
- Leslee Jackson asked what will happen to the waste and stranded assets of replacing gas appliances.
  - The appliances will be replaced at their end of life when they would need to be replaced anyway. This would just ensure they are replaced with electric alternatives.
- Barbara Lunde disagrees with the ability to reduce carbon zero by 2030 or 2050. It's not affordable even for wealthier people.
- Nick Minderman asked if there were disincentives for fossil fuel cars. Parking fees?
  - This is one area that the plan hasn't fully addressed and needs more input. Ed noted there were significant logistical opportunities to be made in reducing emission from transportation, especially with fully-loaded trucks vs incomplete loads.
- Suzanne Savanick Hansen asked what the need is from CEAC?
  - MN350 would appreciate CEAC's support of the plan and any suggestions or additions regarding the plan, especially as it relates to funding structure and who will be making funding decisions.
- Leslee Jackson asked how green jobs will be incorporated into the plan.
  - Equity and green jobs are inherently connected. Not only is there personal safety and exposure opportunities with issues like green products, but SEIU does apprenticeships to place new workers in living-wage jobs. Other union apprenticeship programs and worker cooperatives can be supported as well.
- Verlynn Schmale noted that we don't need to wait for the \$110 million to get started. There is still low hanging fruit and opportunities to tackle immediately. Preventing gentrification should also be considered of paramount importance in this plan.

## **Discussion:**

Welcome new CEAC Members

CEAC Evaluation Feedback

Bjorn Olson gave a brief overview of the survey results submitted so far. The responses will be shared with the Co-Chairs and group in the new term to

## **Old Business**

Opportunities to engage:

- Interest in Resilient Cities & Communities Water Quality initiative

## **Updates and Announcements from Commissioners and staff**

- Applications are being take now for the [Green Cost Share program](#)
  - Lawncare and landscaping equipment
  - Auto body shop paint conversion
  - Diesel emission reduction opportunities

## **Possible Future CEAC Meeting Topics:**

- Impacts of the Inflation Reduction Act
- Air monitoring networks in Minneapolis
- Better coordination with MPRB
- Carbon Free Zones and fossil gas free development
- How to reduce plastic in the community?
- How do we reduce emissions from the HERC?
- Electrical heating technologies

**Masks and hand sanitizer will be provided. After 6pm the S 5th Street doors (light rail side) to City Hall are locked. Metro passes and parking passes for the Haaf Ramp are available.**

## **Adjournment**

**Next Community Environmental Advisory Commission meeting:** January 17, 2023 from 5-7 PM

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