

PUBLIC NOTICE



City of Fridley City Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting Notice of Meeting by Telephone or Other Electronic Means

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission (Commission) of the City of Fridley will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on November 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm via telephone or other electronic means.

In accordance with the recommendations of Governor Walz's Emergency Executive Order 20-56, which recommends remote meetings whenever possible, the November 10, 2020 EQEC Commission meeting will be held via Zoom meeting.

Public Comment Before a Meeting

If you have public comments to submit before a meeting, please send your comments to rachel.workin@fridleymn.gov or 763-572-3594. Public comments will be received up until noon on the day of the meeting. Comments will be compiled and delivered to the Commission.

Public Comment During a Meeting

During the meeting, members of the public that wish to comment may join the meeting on the Zoom webinar platform. Attendees will be able to click the "raise hand button" and alert City staff that they wish to comment. When it is time for comments, individuals will be recognized, and their microphones will be enabled, allowing them to comment. Zoom meeting information may be found on the first page of the meeting agenda.

Link to the meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/95719213705>

Posted: November 4, 2020



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY COMMISSION

Fridley Municipal Center, 7071 University Ave Ne

AGENDA

November 10, 2020

Location: Online Zoom Meeting, 7:00 PM

Call to Order

Approve Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Minutes

- 1) Review October 13 Minutes

New Business

- 1) Presentation by University Avenue PEL study by MnDOT
- 2) Community pollinator project with Metro Blooms

Other

Next meeting December 8 at 7:00 PM at Fridley Civic Campus

Adjourn



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY COMMISSION

Fridley Municipal Center, 7071 University Ave Ne

MINUTES

October 13, 2020

Location: City of Fridley Civic Campus, Banfill Room

Call to Order

Chair Hanson called the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Absent: Paul Westby

Staff: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Approval of Minutes

Chair Hansen called for a motion to adopt the minutes from the August 11, 2020 Environmental Quality and Energy Commission minutes.

Commissioner Ferris made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Foell seconded the motion to approve the minutes with the above-mentioned corrections.

MOTION PASSED unanimously

New Business

1. University Ave updates

Ms. Workin shared that previous studies along University Avenue including a safety study and the City of Fridley initiated corridor study have resulted in several improvements along University Avenue including the fence project, repainting of Mississippi Street, and the LPI-signal at 69th. Commissioners also recommended looking at the signal timing at East River Road, Osborne Road, and Mississippi Street.

Ms. Workin said that the previous efforts have culminated in MnDOT initiating a PEL study which is a Planning and Environmental Linkages Study, which is taking a big picture look of the corridor through its entire distance. Commissioners are encouraged to leave comments on the MnDOT project webpage UniversityCentralVision.Com. There will also be online open houses to learn more.

2. 2021 Meeting Schedule

The Commissioners reviewed the 2021 Meeting Schedule.

Commissioner Foell made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Stoxen seconded the motion to approve the minutes with the above-mentioned corrections.

MOTION PASSED unanimously

3. MRT Signage

Commissioner Foell presented about the signage along the MRT trail. He reminded the EQEC that the MRT is two trails which run on both sides of the river. He presented a number of examples of trees covering MRT signage including at southern border; He also showed that the directional arrows within Riverfront Regional

Park were unclear. Commissioner Foell described that the split at the pollinator garden on East River Road was on of the most confusing areas, potentially as a result of signage being removed during a project. The group also discussed the poor condition of the trail around Stevenson Elementary (county-owned trail), and showed where a sign post had been removed. He also pointed out multiple areas where the sign couldn't be seen due to the angle, particularly in the Locke Lake neighborhood. Other recommendations include:

- 1) It was confusing when the MRRT and MRT signs were put together
- 2) On road signs put at an angle
- 3) Clear vegetation annually
- 4) Add big picture signage at touch points where trails meet the road or intersect.
- 5) Add signage to let people know when they can cross at the river

The group also discussed the area by Alden Road in Riverview Heights Park as an area confusing to cyclists and park users and described the issue with the barricades. The group recommended that the barricades be replaced and the area be considered for a road diet.

Commissioner Ferris asked the status of Camp Lockslea. Ms. Workin shared that there had been a council workshop update on Monday. She will find out what was discussed. Commissioner Ferris wondered if a anthropological or historical survey had been done? The group also discussed routing the MRT through Camp Lockslea.

4. Energy Month updates

Ms. Workin shared about the energy updates organized through the Citizens Utility Board.

Other

1. November- MnDOT presentation

Ms. Workin shared that David Elwin, Planning Principal with MnDOT would present on the PEL study at the November meeting.

2. Holiday Recycling

Ms. Workin shared that the City would once again be hosting its holiday recycling initiatives of pumpkin and holiday lights.

Adjourn

Commissioner Stoxen moved to close the meeting at 7:59 PM, Commissioner Ferris seconded.

MOTION PASSED unanimously