

Clean Energy Partnership - Meeting Notes

Minneapolis Energy Vision Advisory Council

2020 Q4 Meeting Notes

Microsoft Team Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Meeting attendees:

EVAC members present: Margaret Cherne-Hendrick; Rick Dallmeyer; Timothy DenHerder-Thomas; Leah Hiniker; Matt Kazinka; Mauricio Leon; Patty O’Keefe; Rebecca Olson; Julie Samuelson; Jamez Staples; Elizabeth Turner; Ansha Zaman; John Farrell

Guests/Staff present: Kim Havey, City of Minneapolis; Bjorn Olson, City of Minneapolis; Luke Hollenkamp, City of Minneapolis; Patrick Hanlon, City of Minneapolis; Emma Schoppe, CenterPoint Energy; Bridget Dockter, Xcel Energy; Karlee Weinman, City of Minneapolis, Al Swintek, CenterPoint Energy; Sara Barrow, Xcel Energy; Erica Larson, CenterPoint Energy; Becky Billings, CenterPoint Energy; Nick Martin, Xcel Energy; Peter Ebnet, City of Minneapolis; Kelly Muellman, City of Minneapolis

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Meeting Protocol

Roll was called and microphones successfully tested.

2. Review and Approve Agenda and Minutes

Rebecca Olson asked for a motion to adopt the Q3 meeting minutes and Q4 meeting agenda. Both were MOVED and both motions CARRIED.

3. COVID-19 and Minneapolis Re-Building; Continued from Q3 Meeting

Patty reviewed the Q3 EVAC meeting discussion around Minneapolis rebuilding and referred committee members to the documents sent them prior to the meeting for reference. The one document they will discuss is what has been collected as input so far. The committee will use the meeting time to see if the input document is complete to be used as recommended priorities for the Partnership and present that to the Board at the Q4 meeting.

Recommendations/Discussion points offered by individual members of the committee:

- Clarify equity and accountability for communities most affected

- Identify what EVAC believes represents them and their expectations
- Does EVAC want to endorse the BIPOC letter (Timothy referenced)?
- Any letter should go to the CEP
- Letter should include discussions about additional solutions, acknowledgements, etc.
- Some parties expressed support for a goal of 40% capital investment in BIPOC communities and/or a number metric
- Some parties expressed support for highlighting workforce efforts
- Utilize lessons learned or thoughts from the Minneapolis Forward Coalition presentation that could be incorporated into the document

Next steps: Timothy, John, Jamez, Becky and Patty will draft a letter for the committee review by the beginning of December for the group to vote on.

4. Minneapolis Sustainable Building Policy Update

The Minneapolis Sustainable Building Policy is currently in draft form. The next element of the policy will go before City Council in late Q1 2021. The City is engaging in input and feedback throughout December and January. The policy categories include energy, water, site considerations, indoor environmental air quality, materials, equity, and resilience.

Members asked to see the 1-3 multi-family building policy to review. The City is pretty solidified on that portion of the policy. It includes an incentive on 1-3 unit passive homes and net zero energy homes as a base. The City has moved past the point of EVAC filing a letter of support. The City is now looking into land and cooperative ownership and would like to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

5. EVAC Terms and Appointments

The Planning Team reviewed that current EVAC appointments expire at the end of 2020 and have reached out to members individually to gauge interest in continued service for a one-year term extension (through 2021), after which all parties may re-apply for the next two-year term beginning in 2022. To fill any vacancies, the Planning Team will reach out to previous applicants to see if they are still interested in serving on EVAC and are interested in serving a one-year term for 2021.

6. Partner Updates

Partner updates sent in an email.

Rebecca Olson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was MOVED that the meeting adjourn. Motion CARRIED.

Meeting Adjourned