

minutes

Crystal, Environmental Quality Commission Meeting		
11.19.2015	7:00 pm	Crystal City Hall
Meeting called by	Robyn Browning, EQC Chair at 7:04	
Type of meeting	City of Crystal, Environmental Quality Commission Meeting	
Note taker	ReNae Bowman	
Attendees	Robyn Browning, ReNae Bowman, Mark Hanson, Dave Anderson, Leigha Haywood Council Liaison: None Present, City Staff Rep: Anne Norris, City Manager.	
Old Business		
[Time allotted]	General Discussion	
1. Approve Minutes	Leigha motioned approval of the minutes and Mark seconded the motion, there were no changes.	
2. Report	<p>Guest Speakers: Michael Allen, CEO, All Energy Solar. This company sold and installed the solar utilized here in Crystal. Summary of the report: System is producing more power, thus the city is purchasing less energy from Xcel Energy. Newport Partners financed the project, owning the "profit" from this system for 7 years (when system will be paid for and ownership reverts back to the City of Crystal). Crystal now buys clean power at a lower cost than we would pay for dirty power. Need to add solar monitors to our city web site, All Energy can help train employees/staff/commissioners to utilize and understand the web site.</p>	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Add solar monitors to the city web site, train employees/ commissions and citizens how to understand and utilize the web site.		
Old Business - General		
[Time allotted]	General Discussion	
Discussion	2016 EQC Initiatives	
Conclusions	The list presented below was emailed to commission members, (my feedback included, I added 6 & 7). Commission members were asked to respond. This list will be discussed, and if necessary, changes will be made and approved at the December 2015 EQC meeting.	
EQC 2016 Initiatives		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bike lanes- identify lanes that need to be marked to bring Crystal into compliance with the Hennepin County plan/map Green purchasing policy- to obtain another GreenSteps standard for the city Information session with Tim Pratt- coordinate efforts with the new Recycling Coordinator for the city; scheduled to take place at January EQC meeting Small business recycling- focus on connecting with small businesses to promote recycling, composting, and stopping the use of Styrofoam containers Annual MAC Park and Cavanaugh Rain Garden Clean-up - late May or early June Rain Garden Project: Longer term project because it is a big project, perhaps this is a 4 year project, it would depend upon how the city was divided up to address the issues of: current state of each, helping citizens with information, etc. Perhaps for this year a project plan would be adequate (or 2017). Tech Dump Day - May 21. 		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Review, revise and finalize at the December 2015 EQC meeting		
New Business		
[Time allotted]	[Presenter]	
Discussion	None	
Conclusions	Meeting adjourned at 8:10	
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