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Re-Establishing the Citizen Environmental Advisory Committee as the Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC).

Whereas, local governments can reduce the negative consequences of environmental hazards by educating citizens and by implementing local initiatives that are environmentally conscientious and sound; and

Whereas, the coordination of multiple City resources, both public and private, will be required to identify, develop and implement environmentally sound programs; and

Whereas, the Mayor and City Council have accepted as one of the City's top goals that Minneapolis shall be a City to which the local environment is clean and healthful and which recognizes its share of responsibility on behalf of future generations for addressing global environmental challenges;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the permanent advisory body founded in April, 1990, as the Minneapolis Environmental Commission (MEC), and then changed its name in 1994 to the Minneapolis Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee be renamed as the Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC) and be reorganized as set forth below, so that it may better fulfill its obligation to advise on the environmental consequences of City policies, programs and projects with local or global impacts.

Be it Further Resolved that the duties and membership of the CEAC are as follows:

- 1) The CEAC shall work closely with Environmental Coordinating Team (ECT) by providing advice and comments on projects, programs and policies referred to the CEAC by the ECT. CEAC may suggest priorities for City policies, programs and projects in accordance with criteria, such as environmental urgency, scale of environmental impact, ease of implementation, cost and benefits.
- 2) The CEAC shall consist of 18 members appointed as follows:
 - a) The Mayor shall appoint 8 members to the CEAC and the City Council shall appoint 8 members, each appointing the members as follows:
 - 2 –resident members;
 - 2 – representatives from environmental advocacy groups (to be a specific individuals representing a specific advocacy group);
 - 2 – persons with demonstrated technical environmental expertise; and
 - 2 – representatives from industries or companies having a major impact on the environment.

- b) Because of their importance to the environmental well being of the City, the following entities are invited to designate a representative to serve as a voting member of the CEAC, with qualifications as follows:
- Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) shall designate:
 - 1 – representative with expertise in environmental matters or environmental curriculum.
 - Hennepin County shall designate
 - 1 – representative with expertise in environmental matters.
 - Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) shall designate
 - 1 – representative with expertise in environmental matters.

All members shall serve 2-year terms and replacement of these members shall be nominated and appointed in accordance with the City's Open Appointment process, as set forth in the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Section 14.180.

Be It Further Resolved that the Sustainability Office shall have primary responsibility for staffing the CEAC. The CEAC may from time to time ask the ECT to arrange for additional staff from other City departments who may be more appropriate for a specific task or issue.

Be It Further Resolved that the effective date of this Resolution shall be February 8, 2013.