



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY COMMISSION

Fridley Municipal Center, 6431 University Ave Ne

AGENDA

January 9, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Springbrook Nature Center

Call to Order

Approve Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Minutes

- 1) Review November 14 2017 minutes

New Business

- 1) Environmental Fun Fair Planning

Next Meetings/Announcements

- 1) Chicken and Bee Keeping ordinance (effective December 23rd, 2017)
- 2) January Recycling Drop-off and Paper Shredding (January 13th, 2018)
- 3) Continuation Public Hearing of 2040 Comprehensive Plan (January 17th, 2018)

Next meeting Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., Fridley City Hall, Conference Room A

Adjourn



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MINUTES

November 14, 2017

Location: City Hall, Conference Room A (Main Level, City Hall)

Call to Order

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Members present: Nick Olberding, Kyle Mulrooney, Justin Foell, Heidi Ferris, Mark Hansen, Sam Stoxen

Absent: Paul Westby

Staff present: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner; Jim Kosluchar, Director of Public Works

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Olberding moved to approve the October 10 2017 meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Foell seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED Unanimously

New Business

1) 2017 Water Resource Management Re-Cap

Jim Kosluchar, Director of Public Works, provided the EQEC with a summary of water resources projects and modeling updates done in 2017 to benefit the City's surface waters. Mr. Kosluchar also provided an update on potential projects the City was evaluating for 2018.

2) Parks and Trails Comp Plan Chapter review

Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner, provided the group with the draft trends, policies, objectives, goals, and action steps for the Parks and Trails Section of the comprehensive plan. Commissioner Ferris recommended that the City coordinate with Anoka County on goals related to resiliency and sustainability. Ms. Workin stated that could be included as an action step. The commission also discussed how resiliency would be incorporated into the plan. Ms. Workin stated that the City was planning to weave themes of resiliency throughout each chapter. It was discussed that should this approach be taken, the concept of resiliency should be highlighted. Ms. Workin stated that the opportunity to review additional chapters would be provided at the December meeting, and that additional input could be provided at the Public Hearing and through Chair Hansen via the Planning Commission. Chair Hansen stated that he would communicate the EQECs recommendations.

3) **Organics Update**

Ms. Workin stated that 4 proposals had been received during the Organics RFP that were currently being reviewed.

Old Business

1) **Environmental Fun Fair Meeting Re-Cap**

Commissioner Ferris provided an update from the November Fun Fair planning meeting. Ms. Workin stated that they had received volunteers for the Fix-It Clinic, but that they might need more vendors related to bicycling if that was a theme of interest. Commissioner Foell recommended contacting local bicycle groups. It was discussed that the Trails Day bike ride could be advertised during this event. Commissioner Ferris suggested that the bike ride visit some of the water quality projects that the City has installed.

Other Informational Item

Ms. Workin provided information on the following events:

1) Partners in Energy Application

Ms. Workin indicated that the city was interested in applying Partners in Energy is a program by Xcel to assist Cities in the energy planning process. Commissioners expressed support for the program.

2) MnTAP intern deadline- January 2018

Ms. Workin updated the group regarding the MnTAP program internships and that the City had reached out to the manufacturing community. Commissioners encouraged collaborations with the business community.

Adjournment

Commissioner Foell moved to adjourn the meeting and Chair Hansen seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.