

# City of White Bear Lake Environmental Advisory Commission

## MINUTES

Date: September 20, 2017	Time: 6:30pm	Location: WBL City Hall
<b>COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Sheryl Bolstad, Gary Eddy, Chris Greene, June Sinnett	
<b>COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	Bonnie Greenleaf, Greg Pariseau, Gary Schroeher, Eric Wagner	
<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>	Connie Taillon	
<b>VISITORS</b>	None	
<b>NOTETAKER</b>	Connie Taillon	

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:39pm.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Bolstad moved, seconded by Commissioner Greene, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried, vote 4/0.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### a) August 16, 2017 meeting

The commission members reviewed the August 16, 2017 draft minutes and had the following change: Item 6c – Work Plan, change ‘September meeting’ to ‘September 20th meeting’. Commissioner Eddy moved, seconded by Commissioner Bolstad, to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2017 meeting as amended. Motion carried, vote 4/0.

### 4. VISITORS & PRESENTATIONS

None

### 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### a) 2017-2018 Work Plan

The commission members discussed ideas for goals in 2018. Priority goals include storm drain stenciling/adopt a storm drain program, organics collection, and recycling containers in the downtown area and along Lake Avenue. Other goals discussed include drinking water quality, enforcement of watering bans, and adopting a climate change resolution.

Staff reported that the draft 2018-2038 Ramsey County Solid Waste Management Master Plan proposes to continue distributing SCORE funding, but will add incentives for municipalities who wish to receive additional funding. Cities can choose up to two of the following incentives: curbside collection of bulky items for recycling, inclusion of small businesses in the City hauler contract, recycling service improvements through measurement, and adding an organics drop-off. Staff also reported that the draft Master Plan calls for mandatory textile recycling by 2019 (either curbside, special collection, or drop-off) and curbside organics collection by 2025. Staff asked the commission members their thoughts on including one or more of these items as possible goals starting in 2019. The commission members are interested in looking at adding small businesses to the City hauler contract and organics recycling.

The work plan goals discussion will continue at the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### b) Budget Updates and Discussion

Staff reported that the Environmental Advisory Commission budget for 2018 will be \$500.00. Any remaining 2017 budget will not carry forward to 2018.

**c) Review last month's do-outs**

No discussion

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**a) New do-outs**

Commissioners:

- Brainstorm work plan goals prior to the October meeting
- Brainstorm water resources issues/concerns (water quality, groundwater, flooding, recreation, natural resource protection, etc.)

Staff:

- Provide a draft Goose Management Plan for review if one becomes available

**7. DISCUSSION**

• **Staff Updates**

- **Water Meeting, September 21**

The 25by25 Community Water Meeting will be held at City Hall on September 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

- **Volunteer Recognition Dinner, October 17**

The Environmental Advisory Commission Members are invited to attend the Volunteer Recognition Dinner at 6pm on October 17<sup>th</sup> at the White Bear Lake Armory.

• **Commission Member Updates**

No updates

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held on October 18, 2017 at 6:30pm at City Hall. Commissioner Greene moved, seconded by Commissioner Sinnett, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. Motion carried, vote 4/0.