

City of White Bear Lake Environmental Advisory Commission

MINUTES

Date: October 18, 2017	Time: 6:30pm	Location: WBL City Hall
COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT	Sheryl Bolstad, Gary Eddy, Chris Greene, Bonnie Greenleaf, Gary Schroeder, June Sinnett	
COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT	Greg Pariseau, Eric Wagner (Chair)	
STAFF PRESENT	Connie Taillon	
VISITORS	None	
NOTETAKER	Connie Taillon	

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:38pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Staff removed the Surface Water Management Plan item from new business. Commissioner Bolstad moved, seconded by Commissioner Sinnett, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried, vote 6/0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) September 20, 2017 meeting

The commission members reviewed the September 20, 2017 draft minutes and had no changes.

Commissioner Bolstad moved, seconded by Commissioner Eddy, to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion carried, vote 6/0.

4. VISITORS & PRESENTATIONS

None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) 2017-2018 Work Plan

The commission members continued to discuss goals for 2018. Commissioner Greenleaf would like to consider using issues identified in the 2011 Natural Step Framework training sessions as a guide to prioritize goals.

Commission members also discussed community solar options on rooftops, possible drop-off locations for an organics dumpster at the new Public Works building and the County Road E gas station, and school composting programs. Consider inviting a representative from the school district to attend a future meeting.

Each commission member will choose their top three goals and present at the November 15th meeting.

b) Budget Updates and Discussion

Staff reported that an Environmental Advisory Commission banner would cost between \$150 to \$200 dollars depending on the size and design. Commissioner Greene volunteered to create a concept design for a 2' x 8' banner and bring it to the November meeting for review. Staff will email the City logo to Commissioner Greene for use in the design. The commissioners also discussed purchasing a rain barrel for the Environmental Resource Expo raffle next year. Commissioner Greenleaf moved, seconded by Commissioner Bolstad, to purchase a banner and rain barrel from the 2017 budget. Motion carried, vote 6/0.

c) Review last month's do-outs

No discussion

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Officer election – Chair, Vice-Chair

Commissioner Greenleaf moved, seconded by Commissioner Sinnett, to nominate Commissioner Schroeder as Chair and Commissioner Bolstad as Vice-Chair. Motion carried, vote 6/0.

b) New do-outs

Commissioners:

- Commissioner Greene to design the Expo banner and present at the November meeting
- Commissioner Eddy to inventory trash and recycling containers in the Downtown area
- Commissioner Bolstad to research storm drain stenciling
- Choose top three goals and present at November meeting

Staff:

- Email City logo to Commissioner Greene
- Email storm drain stenciling contact information to Commissioner Bolstad
- Gather information about the location of existing trash and recycling containers in the Downtown area and email to Commissioner Eddy

7. DISCUSSION

• **Staff Updates**

None

• **Commission Member Updates**

Commissioner Bolstad reported on the 25by25 event held at City Hall on September 21st. It was a nice event with opening remarks from Mayor Emerson and the Mayor of Mahtomedi. There were presentations from Conservation MN, VLAWMO, and RCWD and then the participants split up into small groups to answer questions on current water issues.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on November 15, 2017 at 6:30pm at City Hall. Commissioner Sinnett moved, seconded by Commissioner Greenleaf, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Motion carried, vote 6/0.