



**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINNESOTA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022
6:30 P.M. IN THE CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

Chair Gary Schroeher called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sheryl Bolstad, Chris Greene, Bonnie Greenleaf, Rick Johnston,
Gary Schroeher (Chair)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Connie Taillon, Environmental Specialist

VISITORS PRESENT: None

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The commission members reviewed the agenda and had no changes.

It was moved by member **Johnston** seconded by member **Greenleaf**, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 5:0.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Minutes of January 19, 2022

The commission members reviewed the January 19, 2022 meeting minutes and had the following changes: 4d, visitors and presentations, line 2 add 'Washington Square' after 'Members stated that...'; line 6 change 'Judy noted that the Caucus for Climate is...' to 'Judy noted that the Minnesota Precinct Caucuses are...'; line 7 add 'regarding climate change' after '...NEMCA has selected five resolutions...'. 5c, Unfinished Business, change vice president to vice chair.

It was moved by member **Greene** seconded by member **Johnston**, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2022 meeting as amended.

Motion carried, 5:0.

4. VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nothing scheduled

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Draft presentation to Council

The commission members reviewed the draft presentation and discussed comments

from member Johnston. Chair Schroeder will revise the presentation for review at the March meeting. Chair Schroeder asked Taillon to provide information on the number of drains adopted in the City and a list of City owned electric lawn equipment to include in the presentation. Taillon stated that she will work with the City Manager to determine a date for the presentation.

B. Draft 2022 Work Plan

Members discussed the draft work plan priority list. The 'reduce recycling contamination workshop' received the most votes. Members decided to change the name from 'workshop' to 'education' to allow for other educational opportunities such as a news article or Expo displays. Member Johnston suggested that for each goal listed, members should come up with a problem statement as to why the goal is worth their effort, what would they like to see as an outcome, and what steps are needed to reach that outcome. Each member chose two or three topics from the list that they will work on. Member Bolstad offered to create a Google doc for entering work plan goal details.

C. Environmental Resources Expo

Taillon stated that the Marketfest coordinator emailed an invitation to hold the Environmental Resources Expo at the July 28, 2022 Marketfest event. Commission members all agreed to host the event at Marketfest again this year on July 28, 2022. Taillon will email the Marketfest coordinator and reserve July 28, 2022 for the Environmental Resources Expo. Commission members asked staff to include the Expo spreadsheet on the March agenda for further discussion.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. VLAWMO Pool Guidance

Taillon asked if the members had any review comments on the draft pool draining guidance created by VLAWMO. Member Greene stated that draining pool water to a storm sewer is the same as directly draining to a waterbody. He suggested changing the language in step 4 to include streets, catch basins, and storm sewer. Taillon will pass this comment on to VLAWMO.

7. DISCUSSION

A. Staff updates

- Rotary Park restoration project planning

Taillon noted that the City is working with Rotary Club to identify restoration projects in Rotary Park. The project planned for the 2022 season will be a 2,800 square foot seeded area and 560 square foot planted area located south of the parking lot and east of the trail.

- VLAWMO MS4 SWPPP tips webinar

Taillon mentioned that the Environmental Advisory Commission is invited to attend the MS4 tips webinar hosted by VLAWMO. The webinar is scheduled for February

17th and 22nd from 11:30am to 12:00pm.

- 2022 street project and raingarden program
Taillon stated that the curb cut raingarden program will be offered again this year for residents on the 2022 street renovation project. The program was announced at the public meeting late last year, and a brochure sent to all residents on the project.

B. Commission member updates

The commission members did not have any updates.

C. Do-outs

New do-out items for February 16, 2022 include:

- Chair Schroeher will revise the presentation and bring to the March meeting for review.
- Staff to research City electric lawn equipment inventory and number of drains adopted in the City.
- Commission members to create a problem statement, list possible results, and define steps to achieve the results for each goal assigned to them in the work plan list.
- Member Bolstad to create a Google doc for entering work plan goal details.
- Staff to email the Marketfest coordinator and reserve July 28, 2022 for the Environmental Resource Expo.
- Staff to email pool brochure comments to Nick.
- Staff to invite the new City Manager to the April commission meeting.
- Chair Schroeher to invite Prairie City to the April commission meeting.

D. March agenda

The commission members decided to meet virtually in March because two members will be out of town during that meeting. Taillon stated that the new City Manager would like to introduce herself at a future meeting. Chair Schroeher asked Taillon to invite her to the next in person meeting on April 20th. Chair Schroeher will also see if Prairie City USA could attend the in person April meeting instead of the March virtual meeting. Taillon will include the draft presentation, work plan, and Environmental Resources Expo on the March agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, it was moved by member **Greenleaf** seconded by member **Greene** to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Motion carried, 5:0