

City of White Bear Lake Environmental Advisory Commission

MINUTES

Date: June 19, 2019	Time: 6:30pm	Location: WBL City Hall
COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT	Sheryl Bolstad, Chris Greene, Bonnie Greenleaf, Gary Schroeder (Chair), Robert Winkler	
COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT	Rick Johnston, June Sinnett	
STAFF PRESENT	Connie Taillon, Environmental Specialist	
VISITORS	Keely Cervantes, Conservation MN	
NOTETAKER	Connie Taillon	

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The commission members reviewed the agenda and had no changes. Staff added MPCA site review to item 7b. Staff updates. Commissioner Bolstad moved, seconded by Commissioner Winkler, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried, vote 4/0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) May 15, 2019 regular meeting

The commission members reviewed the May 15, 2019 draft minutes and had no changes. Commissioner Greenleaf moved, seconded by Commissioner Bolstad, to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried, vote 4/0.

Commission member arrived at 6:36pm

4. VISITORS & PRESENTATIONS

Keely Cervantes introduced herself as the new East Metro Regional Manager at Conservation Minnesota.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Environmental Resources Expo

Commission members and staff discussed final details of the Environmental Expo. Commissioner Greene stated that Boy Scouts are scheduled to help set up the exhibit tents and tables again this year.

Commissioner Greenleaf reported that the Minnesota State Horticultural Society donated magazines and a free year membership. Staff will email a map and exhibitor instructions to the commission members that they can email to their respective contacts. Staff will also contact Ramsey County to reserve the can game.

b) Downtown area recycling

Staff attended the June Mainstreet business meeting to gather feedback on parking lot charging stations and recycling bins in the Downtown area. Business owners did not have any objections to adding the dual trash and recycling bins. The next step is to meet with Public Works to discuss location and maintenance concerns.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. DISCUSSION

a) Subcommittee updates

None

b) Staff updates

- Climate Smart Municipalities

Staff reported that the German delegation was in Minnesota the week of June 10th. Representatives from Ludenscheid, WBL partner City, visited White Bear Lake Tuesday through Thursday and attended various meetings with local business and school representatives to discuss LED lighting, solar, and electric vehicles. Trane invited the group to tour their facility in White Bear Lake and hosted a steering committee meeting.

- Rooftop Solar

Staff reported that the rooftop solar project is not moving forward at this time.

- Planning for Resilient Cities workshop – June 20

Staff reported that commission members are invited to attend either the afternoon workshop from 1pm to 4pm or the evening workshop from 6pm to 9pm. Staff will be attending the afternoon workshop.

- MPCA Site Review

Staff reported that the MPCA tested the property to the south of the intersection and mitigation is not necessary. MPCA plans to do a follow-up round of testing. They are working on access to the property to the east. All remaining previously identified areas will be tested after June 30th, with ongoing work at the dry cleaner site.

c) Commission member updates

Commissioner Greene reported that the Boy Scout troop distributed Adopt a Drain door hangers in VLAWMO's top three priority areas. There were numerous apartment buildings and churches in these areas and not as many single-family homes. VLAWMO will market the program to the apartment buildings.

d) Do-outs

Commission members and staff discussed items on the current do-out list and added the following:

- Staff and commission members to finalize Expo exhibitors.
- Staff to finalize the Expo map and email the map and detailed instructions to all commission members two weeks before the event. Commission members will then email the map and instructions to their respective exhibitor contacts.
- Staff to ask Zero Waste Task Force if they have information about plastic bag recycling.
- Staff to reserve the cube can game from Ramsey County for the Expo.
- Staff to ask VLAWMO if they can bring their own tent to the Expo.

e) August agenda

Add 2020 work plan discussion to the August agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held at City Hall on August 21, 2019 at 6:30pm. Commissioner Bolstad moved, seconded by Commissioner Greene, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Motion carried, vote 5/0.