

City of White Bear Lake Environmental Advisory Commission

AGENDA

Date: September 15, 2021

Time: 6:30pm

Location: City Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER **6:30pm**

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES **6:35pm**

a) July 21, 2021 regular meeting

4. VISITORS & PRESENTATIONS

None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS **6:40pm**

a) 2021 budget

b) 2021 Environmental Resources Expo recap

c) 2021 work plan

- Bring Your Own Bag initiative

- Downtown area recycling

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. DISCUSSION **7:45pm**

a) Staff updates

- Student delegates

- Raingarden maintenance workshop

- Priebe Lake outlet replacement

- Curbside food scraps pickup

b) Commission member updates

- RCWD CAC raingarden tour

c) Do-outs

d) October agenda

8. ADJOURNMENT **8:00pm**

[Please notify us at least one day before the meeting if you are unable to attend](#)

City of White Bear Lake Environmental Advisory Commission

MINUTES

Date: July 21, 2021	Time: 6:30pm	Location: WBL City Hall
COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT	Sheryl Bolstad, Chris Greene, Bonnie Greenleaf, Rick Johnston, Robert Winkler	
COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT	Gary Schroeher (Chair), Valeria Diaz, Sage Durdle	
STAFF PRESENT	Connie Taillon, Environmental Specialist	
VISITORS	None	
NOTETAKER	Connie Taillon	

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The commission members reviewed the agenda and had no changes. Commissioner Johnston moved, seconded by Commissioner Greene, to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll call vote:

Bolstad: Aye
Greene: Aye
Greenleaf: Aye
Johnston: Aye
Schroeher: Absent
Winkler: Aye
Diaz: Absent
Durdle: Absent

Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) June 16, 2021 regular meeting

The commission members reviewed the June 16, 2021 draft minutes and had no changes. Commissioner Greenleaf moved, seconded by Commissioner Bolstad, to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2021 meeting as presented.

Roll call vote:

Bolstad: Aye
Greene: Aye
Greenleaf: Aye
Johnston: Abstain
Schroeher: Absent
Winkler: Aye
Diaz: Absent
Durdle: Absent

Motion carried.

4. VISITORS & PRESENTATIONS

None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) 2021 budget

Commission members discussed purchasing a rain barrel to give away at the Expo. Staff will check with VLAWMO to see if they are bringing a rain barrel to the Expo. If not, the commission members directed staff to purchase a rain barrel.

b) 2021 Work Plan

Commissioner Greenleaf stated that she revised the statement of need since the last commission meeting to include language from the Ramsey County solid waste plan and the 'Beyond the Bag' challenge. Commission members reviewed the revised statement of need and suggested deleting the sentence referencing 'circular accelerator' since it is unclear what that means, and to add an exception for takeout food. Commissioners discussed next steps for a presentation to City Council in November. Commissioners Greene, Greenleaf, and Bolstad offered to take the lead on creating a PowerPoint presentation.

c) 2021 Environmental Resources Expo

Commission members discussed exhibits and giveaways for the EAC table. Chair Schroeder volunteered to create a recycling and plastic bag display board that includes a 'guess the number of plastic bags' game to win a native seed pack. Staff will provide a photo of the food scraps dumpster and recycle smart graphic to include on the display board. Commissioner Greenleaf will bring the native seed packs as a giveaway for the plastic bag game, Commissioner Winkler will create a winter salt exhibit, staff will bring kitchen compost bins to give away, and Commissioner Greene will create a fact sheet about lawn equipment pollution and will bring jugs filled with sand to hold down the tents. Staff will email commissioner members the exhibitor map and instructions to send to exhibitors a few days before the event. Staff will also bring extra EAC shirts to the Expo.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. DISCUSSION

a) Staff updates

- Commission member reappointments

Staff announced that Commissioners Greenleaf, Winkler, and Johnston have accepted reappointment to the Environmental Advisory Commission for another three year term. Commissioner Johnston expressed concern about missing meetings when he travels. Commissioner's agreed to conduct the meetings via Zoom when a commission member is out of town. Commission members discussed the student delegates and asked staff to email them to determine their interest in continuing on the commission.

- East Goose ALM community meeting – August 3, 2021

Staff invited the Environmental Advisory Commission to the East Goose ALM community meeting which will take place in the Public Safety Building training room on August 3, 2021 at 6:30pm. There will be a presentation on shallow lakes and the results of the community survey and an opportunity for public comment. Staff will email the commissioners a map of the Public Safety training room.

- RCWD CAC Raingarden Tour – August 11, 2021

Staff announced that the Rice Creek Watershed District Citizens Advisory Committee will hold their annual field trip in White Bear Lake on August 11th to visit the curb curd raingardens and rip rap project at the dog beach. Environmental Advisory Commission members are invited to attend.

b) Commission member updates

None

c) Do-outs

New do-out items for July 22, 2021 include:

- Commissioner's Greene, Bolstad, and Greenleaf to start working on Bring Your Own Bag PowerPoint presentation to Council
- Commission members and staff to bring tokens to give to the scouts
- Commissioner Greene to create poster about the advantages of electric lawn equipment
- Commissioner Greene to bring jugs of sand and rope to expo
- Commissioner Winkler to contact Nick at VLAWMO about salt and lawn clipping educational materials for the Environmental Expo.
- Commissioner Bolstad will contact Chair Schroeher regarding revisions to plastic bag poster
- Commissioner's and staff to email exhibitor location map to exhibitors
- Staff to create exhibitor map and email to EAC
- Staff to email photo of organics dumpster and 'what to recycle' graphic to Commissioner Bolstad
- Staff to bring EAC shirts to the Expo
- Staff to send map of Public Safety training room to commissioners

d) September agenda

Include the Bring Your Own Bag initiative and volunteer recognition dinner presentation ideas on the September agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Greenleaf moved, seconded by Commissioner Greene to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm.

Roll call vote:

Bolstad: Aye

Greene: Aye

Greenleaf: Aye

Johnston: Aye

Schroeher: Absent

Winkler: Aye

Diaz: Absent

Durdle: Absent

Motion carried.

EAC 2021 Budget

Budget for 2021	\$500.00
Expenditures:	
2 feather flags	\$331.02
TOTAL REMAINING	\$168.98

Potential Budget Items for 2021

2 Expo signs @ ~\$300

1 Rain barrel

Expo exhibit improvements

Ideas

Rain barrel giveaway

Milkweed seeds for residents – *purchased in 2020*

Storm drain stenciling/adopt a storm drain program

Handouts for the expo

Rebates (solar, LED's organics bags, plants, toilets, energy audits, etc.

Attend workshops

Complementary energy audit

Environmental Advisory Commission 2021 Work Plan

Month	Recurrent Agenda Items	Activities/Events /Speakers
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Resource Expo planning • Priority goal(s) planning 	
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring newsletter articles - adopt a drain & spotlight on sustainability • Environmental Resource Expo planning • High priority goals 	
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Resource Expo planning • High priority goals • National Mayor's Water Challenge • Discuss upcoming annual SWPPP meeting 	<p>Street Project discussion</p> <p>SWMP discussion</p>
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Resource Expo planning • High priority goals 	
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Resource Expo planning • High priority goals 	
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Resource Expo planning • High priority goals 	
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Resource Expo planning • High priority goals 	
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No official meeting this month 	<p>Environmental Resource Expo, Aug 6th</p>
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021 Work Plan • Volunteer Recognition Dinner slide show ideas • Prepare for joint meeting with Parks Commission 	
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021 Work Plan • Commission Officer Election – Chair, Vice-Chair • Prepare for joint meeting with Parks Commission 	
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint meeting with Parks Commission 	
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve 2021 Work Plan 	<p>Holiday Treats</p>

High Priority Goals for 2021

- Plastic bag ordinance
- Zero waste events
- Pollinator plantings
- DT area recycling
- Reducing contamination in recycling (scrap metal, batteries, plastic bags) – staff request

Other goals

- Solar on buildings
- IDDE lawn clippings and trash
- Partnering with Xcel Energy on special projects
- Salt management education
- Expo exhibit upgrades: tent weights, banner, battery powered lawn equipment display
- Promote high quality of drinking water (reduce bottled water use)
- Enforcement of water ordinance and illicit discharge ordinance (grass clippings)– door hangers, etc
- EAC duties/goals
- Restaurant composting
- Pollinator garden tours/promotion/map of gardens
- Shoreview water smart app
- Microplastics
- Drinking water quality
- Enforcement of water ordinance and illicit discharge ordinance (grass clippings)– door hangers, etc

Climate Smart Municipalities topics

- Community solar and solar panels on City buildings
- Charge for plastic bags
- Single use plastics
- Climate change resolution
- Partner with Xcel Energy for Projects
- Air quality-lawn equipment (City and private).
- Energy focus, specifically renewables

Ramsey County Solid Waste Master Plan topics

- Curbside collection of bulky items for recycling
- Inclusion of small businesses in City recycling service
- Textile recycling (curbside, special collection, or drop-off) – required by 2019

MS4 Permit topics

- Salt management education

Current initiatives

LED lighting in City Hall, Public Safety, and Public Works

EV chargers in DT parking lots

Fleet vehicle analysis

Climate Action Steering Committee

Current Do-Outs

Commission Members

- Chris, Bonnie, Sheryl to start working on BYOB PowerPoint presentation to Council
- Bonnie to add to token spreadsheet
- Bring tokens to give to the scouts
- Gary, Bob, and Sheryl to bring electric lawn equipment to Expo
- Chris to create poster about advantages of electric lawn equipment
- Chris to bring jugs of sand and rope to expo
- Bob to contact Nick about salt and lawn clipping educational materials for the Environmental Expo.
- Gary to create a plastic bag display for the Expo showing how many plastic bags a family of 4 uses per year.
- Sheryl will contact Gary regarding changes to plastic bag poster
- Consider inviting Jake from Specialized Technologies to speak at a future EAC meeting.
- Email exhibitor location map to exhibitors

Staff

- Create exhibitor map and email to EAC
- ~~- Email photo of organics dumpster and 'what to recycle' graphic to Sheryl~~
- EAC shirt for Rick
- ~~- Bring native plant signs to Expo (Little Bluestem, Swamp Milkweed, Butterfly Milkweed, Purple Coneflower, Monarda)~~
- Consider revising the ordinance or EAC to draft a policy for 'No Mow May'
- Email Council dates for Trane Council presentation to EAC (date TBD after report is complete)
- Email exhibitor location map to exhibitors
- ~~- Purchase RAM rain barrel for the Environmental Resource Expo (only if VLAWMO is not bringing one).~~
- Email student members to determine their interest in continuing on the EAC
- Research installing air sensor on City Hall, Sports Center
- Schedule tour of Newport facility at a date TBD
- Purchase compostable products for City events
- Add water use tracking app to CSM action items
- Show the WBAHS winning video at a future meeting
- Add AIS ID information to the website and update adopt a drain page
- Watershed district map (large scale with aerial photo)