



**AGENDA**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**CITY OF WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINNESOTA**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022**  
**6:30 P.M. IN THE CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE**

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- A. Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Commission meeting on March 16, 2022

**4. VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS**

None

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Draft presentation to Council
- B. Draft 2022 Work Plan
- C. Environmental Resources Expo

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**7. DISCUSSION**

- A. Staff updates
  - German delegation to White Bear Lake, May 4-5
  - RMMWD grant for Lakewood Hills Raingarden
  - VLAWMO grant for Rotary Park planting
  - SWPPP presentation to Council, April 26<sup>th</sup>
- B. Commission member updates
  - Recycling container observations
- C. Do-outs
- D. May agenda

**8. ADJOURNMENT**



**City of White Bear Lake**  
Engineering Department

# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Environmental Advisory Commission  
**From:** Connie Taillon, P.E., Environmental Specialist  
**Date:** April 15, 2022  
**Subject:** Action Items for April 20, 2022 EAC Meeting

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**Agenda Item 5A. Draft Presentation to Council**

The draft presentation from Chair Schroehler will be presented at the meeting.

*Action:* Review the draft presentation and provide comments.

**Agenda item 5B. Draft 2022 Work Plan**

The draft 2022 work plan is included in the packet.

*Action:* Review problem statements, possible results lists, and steps to achieve the results for each goal in the work plan list. Consider a motion to approve the draft 2022 work plan.

**Agenda Item 5C. Environmental Resource Expo**

The draft 202e Expo exhibitor list is included in the packet for review.

*Action:* Review exhibitor list and discuss next steps for exhibitor invitations.



**MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINNESOTA  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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 6:36 p.m.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rick Johnston

**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 **Bolstad** seconded by member **Greenleaf**, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 4:0.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A. Minutes of February 16, 2022

The commission members reviewed the February 16, 2022 meeting minutes and had no changes.

It was moved by member **Greene** seconded by member **Bolstad**, to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2022 meeting as presented.

Motion carried, 4:0.

**4. VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS**

John Anderson from Conservation Minnesota was in attendance to introduce himself and to learn what Conservation Minnesota can do to assist the commission. John introduced himself as the new Local Government Manager. He invited the commission members to the Conservation Minnesota Environment Commission Conference on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1:30pm at Ridgedale Library. Chair Schroeher mentioned that he attended the two past conferences and came away with many great ideas.

John asked what the commission is working on and if they have any questions for him. Member Bolstad asked about the difference between Conservation Minnesota and

Environment Minnesota. John stated that Conservation Minnesota largely works on state and local engagement in the community. Member Bolstad stated that the commission hosts an Environmental Resources Expo at Marketfest each year and invited Conservation Minnesota to attend. Staff will add John's contact information to the Expo invite list. Member Greenleaf mentioned the commission discussions around a Bring Your Own Bag ordinance. John noted that the state does not allow a ban but allows a 5 cent charge on bags. Member Bolstad described other commission priorities including pollinator plantings, reducing contamination in recycling, promoting electric lawn equipment, downtown area recycling, and zero waste events. Commission members asked John about Conservation Minnesota collaborations with other cities. He stated that every city is different, but mainly promoting electrification and water conservation. He also mentioned the Plymouth public/private electric vehicle charging station collaboration.

## 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. Draft presentation to Council

Commission members reviewed the draft presentation to Council and provided comments. Chair Schroeder updated the presentation based on these comments. The revised presentation will continue to be reviewed and revised at the April meeting.

### B. Draft 2022 Work Plan

The commission members discussed the work plan interest list and write-ups and will work to finalize the write-ups for discussion at the April meeting. Member Greene requested that a 'status' column be added to the work plan to better track the progress of each project.

### C. Environmental Resources Expo

Taillon stated that she contacted the Marketfest coordinator to save the July 28, 2022 date for the Expo. Commission members requested that the Expo be put on the April agenda.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing scheduled

## 7. DISCUSSION

### A. Staff updates

#### - 2022 Environment Commission Conference

Taillon mentioned that the 2022 Environment Commissions Conference will take place on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1:30pm at the Ridgedale Public Library.

#### - Priebe outlet replacement

Taillon stated that the Priebe Lake outlet has now been installed and is substantially complete. A temporary weir was installed in the outlet while the permanent weir is being fabricated. Restoration of the site will be completed in the spring.

- Raingarden Palooza Series  
Taillon reported that RCWD, RWMWD, and VLAWMO are partnering to offer a raingarden maintenance series that will take place at three different sites this season. The final event will occur in downtown White Bear Lake on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

B. Commission member updates

Member Bolstad noted that she attended the VLAWMO information session on MS4 materials. She stated that VLAWMO created door hangers and other educational materials that the City can use to educate the public on lawn care and winter maintenance topics.

C. Do-outs

New do-out items for March, 2022 include:

- Chair Schroeder to revise the draft presentation and bring to the April meeting for review.
- Chair Schroeder to invite Prairie City to the April EAC meeting

D. April agenda

Include the City Manager and Prairie City representatives under visitors and presentations, and add draft presentation, 2022 draft work plan, and Environmental Resources Expo under unfinished business. Commission members requested that the April meeting be in person.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Commission, it was moved by member **Greenleaf** seconded by member **Bolstad** to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Motion carried, 5:0

2022 Proposed Goals	Bob	Bonnie	Chris	Rick	Sheryl	Gary	TOTAL
plastic bag ordinance		x					1
Zero waste events			x	x			2
pollinator plantings		x	x			x	3
Downtown recycling	x			x	x		2
reduce recycling contamination workshop	x	x		x	x	x	4
no mow May	x		x				1
Prairie city initiative							0
pollinator garden tour /promotion							0
electric lawn equipment			x	x		x	3
solar on buildings		x		x	x		3
restaurant composting							0
drinking water quality	x						0
microplastics awareness							0
city plastic recycling with Merrick	x			x			1
rebates for water efficient appliance		x		x	x		3
water conservation promotion						x	1
buckthorn removal event with RWMWD			x			x	2
Develop Zero Waste Plan							0
promote residential energy audits							0
Create Sustainable community goals							0
Earth day event							0
Increase green space tree plantings					x		1

NOTE: for other ideas, review the GreenStep Cities 'best practices' list at <https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/b>

**Environmental Resource Expo - Exhibitor and Volunteer Master List**

**July 28, 2022 5:00pm to 9:30pm**

<b>EAC contact</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Contact Name/Organization</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>
?	Lawns to Legumes?			
?	Met Council Environmental Services?	Ali Elhassan/Brian Davis	651-602-1066 /651-602-1519	ali.elhassan@metc.state.mn.us /brian.davis@metc.state.mn.us
Bob	White Bear Lake Seed Library	Pam Larson Fink		wblseedlibrary@gmail.com
	Metro Transit	Douglas Cook, Outreach Coordinator	651.231.8435	douglas.cook@metrotransit.org
	Ramsey County Master Gardeners	Darren Lochner	715.456.0690	dlochner@umn.edu
	Rainbow Tree Care	Jeff Hafner	cell: 612-290-4779 direct: 952-252-0596	jhafner@rainbowtreecare.com
Chris	Tesla Dealership			
	Tesla owner/Electric Vehicle Group Contact	Jeff Riegler	651-602-5924 (O); 651.747.7865 (C)	<a href="mailto:jriegler@wradvisors.com">jriegler@wradvisors.com</a>
		Steven Hong (new contact as of 2021)	612-990-9009	<a href="mailto:steven@stevenhong.com">steven@stevenhong.com</a>
	Electric Lawn Equipment Demo	Gary, Chris and Sheryl to bring electric lawn equipment for display. EAC to create fact sheet about gas powered lawn equipment		
	Scouts - Troup 494			
Bonnie	MN State Horticultural Society - magazines	Lisa Williams Hardman	651-643-3601	
Sheryl	Tamarack Nature Center	Melanie Harding		melanie.harding@co.ramsey.mn.us
	Conservation Minnesota	John Anderson		<a href="mailto:johna@conservationmn.org">johna@conservationmn.org</a>
Gary	Rush Line Corridor	Andrew J. Gitzlaff/Alicia Valenti	651-266-2772/d: 651.333.4115 c: 612.314.6385	andrew.gitzlaff@CO.RAMSEY.MN.US/avalenti@srfconsulting.com
	Adopt a Drain - Watershed Partners/RCWD	Jenni		<a href="mailto:jabere01@hamline.edu">jabere01@hamline.edu</a>
	Ramsey County - curbside composting	Mariah Quick		
	RWMWD			
	Pollinator Friendly Alliance	Laurie Schneider	651-351-1100	<a href="mailto:laurie@pollinatorfriendly.org">laurie@pollinatorfriendly.org</a>

Connie	EV owner - WBL resident	Daniel and Kay Giossi	651-426-5176	<a href="mailto:dgiossi@hotmail.com">dgiossi@hotmail.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:dkgiossi@msn.com">dkgiossi@msn.com</a>
	NE Metro Climate Action	Judy Lissick	612-817-6874	<a href="mailto:Judy.Lissick@aqua-rius.com">Judy.Lissick@aqua-rius.com</a>
	MN350	Gabe Epstein		<a href="mailto:gabe@mn350.org">gabe@mn350.org</a>
	Citizens Climate Lobby	Rachel Cain		<a href="mailto:cainrachelr@gmail.com">cainrachelr@gmail.com</a>
	Bruce Vento Regional Trail - New as of 06/02/21	Dan McNielk, SRF Consulting	763-452-4746	<a href="mailto:dmcniel@srfconsulting.com">dmcniel@srfconsulting.com</a>
	Zero Waste Task Force - Sierra Club	Lori Olinger	612-718-6412	<a href="mailto:Olingers25@msn.com">Olingers25@msn.com</a>
	VLAWMO	Nick Voss	651-204-6070	<a href="mailto:nick.voss@vlawmo.org">nick.voss@vlawmo.org</a>
	Race to Reduce + H2O for Life	Patty Hall		<a href="mailto:phall@h2oforlifeschools.org">phall@h2oforlifeschools.org</a>
	WBL City, EAC, Ramsey County Envir Health	Connie Taillon		<a href="mailto:ctaillon@whitebearlake.org">ctaillon@whitebearlake.org</a>
	Xcel	Organized by Marketfest Coordinator. We do not need to contact them		
	Footprint Earth Foundation	James Stelter	612-751-5451	<a href="mailto:james.stelter@footprintearth.org">james.stelter@footprintearth.org</a>
	Wilderness in the City	Holly Jenkins	651-271-1257	<a href="mailto:hollyj@wildernessinthecity.org">hollyj@wildernessinthecity.org</a>
	Center for Energy and Environment (CEE)	Terry Chaney	651-328-6226	<a href="mailto:tchaney@mncee.org">tchaney@mncee.org</a>
University of Minnesota Turfgrass Research Group				

Spin the wheel game from Ramsey County - See email from Gary in April Packet folder (2022)



## Current Do-Outs

### Commission Members

- Gary to revise the presentation and bring to the April meeting for review.
- Gary to invite Prairie City to the April commission meeting.
- 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.
- ~~— Sheryl to create a Google doc for entering work plan goal details.~~
- Rick to schedule a meeting with Connie to review unfinished GreenStep Cities Best Practices.
- Review GreenStep Cities list for 2022 work plan ideas
- Gary offered to lead the ‘reduce recycling contamination’ work plan item.
- ~~— Bonnie to add to token spreadsheet~~
- Gary to organize a potential buckthorn removal event with RWMWD and YMCA at the YMCA and Lakewood Hills Park
- Gary to contact Jake from Specialized Technologies to speak at a future EAC meeting

### Staff

- ~~— Research City electric lawn equipment inventory and number of drains adopted in the City.~~
- Add updated photos to the presentation when finalized
- Research where to properly dispose of concrete wash water
- Request grant application from Ramsey County for DT recycling containers
- Check with PW to determine why there aren't trees in some of the cutouts on Banning
- Contact Ellen to get an update from the MPCA on the status of testing at County E and Bellaire
- Email air quality sensor info to Public Works
- Schedule tour of Newport facility at a date TBD – add to 2022 work plan
- 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)