



AGENDA
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
CITY OF WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINNESOTA
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 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 April 20, 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
 - RWMWD grant for Lakewood Hills Raingarden
 - VLAWMO grant for Rotary Park planting
- B. Commission member updates
- C. Do-outs
- D. June agenda

8. ADJOURNMENT



City of White Bear Lake
Engineering Department

MEMORANDUM

To: Environmental Advisory Commission
From: Connie Taillon, P.E., Environmental Specialist
Date: May 12, 2022
Subject: Action Items for May 18, 2022 EAC Meeting

Agenda Item 5A. Draft Presentation to Council

The draft presentation from Chair Schroeber 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 2022 Expo exhibitor list is included in the packet for review.

Action: Review exhibitor list and discuss next steps for exhibitor invitations. Ramsey County will be conducting public outreach for the Otter Lake Road reconstruction project this summer and is seeking to gather public feedback on the project. One opportunity to provide public engagement is at Marketfest, and specifically at the Expo. Consider inviting Ramsey County to attend the Expo as an exhibitor. Their booth would be located next to VLAWMO so they can promote cost share grants for raingardens as part of the project.



**MINUTES
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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

Member Sheryl Bolstad called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sheryl Bolstad, Chris Greene, Bonnie Greenleaf

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Schroeber (Chair), 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 **Greenleaf** seconded by member **Greene**, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 3:0.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Minutes of April 16, 2022

The commission members reviewed the March 16, 2022 meeting minutes and had the following changes: Add John Anderson, Conservation Minnesota to item 1, Visitors Presentations. Change the month in the header from February to March.

It was moved by member **Greene** seconded by member **Greenleaf**, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2022 meeting as amended.

Motion carried, 3:0.

4. VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Draft presentation to Council

Commission members reviewed each slide of the draft presentation to Council and made revisions. Taillon stated that she will add current photos to the presentation slides and move the presentation to the new City template. Commission members asked that the draft presentation to council be added to the May agenda. The changes to the presentation will be shown to Chair Schroeber at the May meeting and finalized.

B. Draft 2022 Work Plan

Commission members tabled the 2022 work plan discussion until the May meeting.

C. Environmental Resources Expo

The Commission members reviewed the 2021 Expo exhibitors. Member Greenleaf stated that the old editions of Northern Gardener magazines were not popular last year so she chose not to give them away in 2022. Member Greenleaf will invite Ramsey County Master Gardeners, Member Bolstad will invite Tamarack Nature Center, Member Greene will invite the electric vehicle owners and the Scouts to help with setup and takedown, and Taillon will invite Pollinator Friendly Alliance, NE Metro Climate Action, VLAWMO, and the U of M Turfgrass Research Group. Taillon will email the invite language and exhibitor contact information to the commission members.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing scheduled

7. DISCUSSION

A. Staff updates

- German delegation to White Bear Lake, May 4-5
Taillon noted that the German Delegation will be in Minnesota the week of May 1st. The City will host the German delegation from Ludenscheid on May 4th and 5th.
- RWMWD grant for Lakewood Hills Raingarden
For the sake of time, Taillon stated that she will provide an update on the RWMWD grant at the May meeting.
- VLAWMO grant for Rotary Park planting
For the sake of time, Taillon stated that she will provide an update on the VLAWMO grant at the May meeting.
- SWPPP presentation to Council, April 26th
Taillon mentioned that she will be presenting on the City's 2021 SWPPP activities at the City Council meeting on April 26th. Environmental Advisory Commission Members are invited to attend.

B. Commission member updates

- Recycling container observations
Member Bolstad stated that she is frustrated about not seeing recycling containers at Ramsey County Beach and City parks. She will provide a more detailed update at the may meeting.

C. Do-outs

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

- Taillon to add photos to presentation and move the presentation to the new template
- Taillon to email Expo spreadsheet and invite language to commission members
- Commission members and Taillon to email invites to Expo vendors

D. May agenda

Include City Manager and Prairie City USA under visitors; draft presentation, 2022 work plan and Expo spreadsheet under old business; RWMWD grant for Lakewood Hills Raingarden and VLAWMO grant for Rotary Park planting under staff updates, and recycling container observations under commission member updates.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, it was moved by member **Greene** seconded by member **Greenleaf** to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Motion carried, 3:0

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

EAC contact	Organization	Need table & canopy?	2017 status	2018 status	2019 attendance	2021 status	2022 status
?	Lawns to Legumes?						
?	Met Council Environmental Services?		yes	no	no		
Rick	White Bear Lake Seed Library	no - share with Master Gardeners			yes	no	
	Metro Transit	NA	yes	yes	yes	no	
	Rainbow Tree Care	yes		yes	yes	yes	
Chris	Tesla Dealership					no	
	Tesla owner/Electric Vehicle Group Contact		yes	yes		yes - 3 vehicles	
	Electric Lawn Equipment Demo	save a space next to the EAC tent			NA		
	Scouts - Troup 494	no - volunteers	yes	yes		sign up available	
Bonnie	Ramsey County Master Gardeners	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
Sheryl	Tamarack Nature Center	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
	Conservation Minnesota		yes	yes	no	no	
Gary	Rush Line Corridor	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
	Adopt a Drain - Watershed Partners/RCWD	yes		-	yes		
	Ramsey County - curbside composting					no	
	RWMWD					new invite for 2021	
	Pollinator Friendly Alliance	yes	yes	yes - no show	yes	yes	

Connie	EV owner - WBL resident	no		yes - 1 additional vehicle	yes	did not contact	
	NE Metro Climate Action				yes	yes - has a tent. Email map to katewinsor@comcast.net	
	MN350					emailed 07.19.21	
	Citizens Climate Lobby	yes			yes	no	
	Bruce Vento Regional Trail - New as of 06/02/21					may be interested if timing is right	
	Zero Waste Task Force - Sierra Club	yes			yes	yes	
	VLAWMO	no	yes	yes	yes	yes - has a tent	
	Ramsey County - Otter Lake Road Project						NEW - put next to VLAWMO
	Race to Reduce + H2O for Life		yes	no	no	invite sent 052421	
	WBL City, EAC, Ramsey County Envir Health	yes - shared table	yes	yes	yes	yes - need 2 spaces, 2 tables, 1 tent	
	Xcel					yes - Sponsor for Expo - has their own tent. Do they need a table?	
	Footprint Earth Foundation		yes	yes	yes	invite sent 052421	
	Wilderness in the City				interested for 2020	invite sent 071921	
	Center for Energy and Environment (CEE)	yes	yes	yes	yes	invite sent 052421	
University of Minnesota Turfgrass Research Group					new invite for 2021?		

Current Do-Outs

Commission Members

- ~~— Gary to revise the presentation and bring to the April meeting for review.~~
- Email invites to Expo vendors
- Gary to invite Prairie City to the April May 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.
- 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.
- 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

- Email invites to Expo vendors
- Add photos to presentation and move the presentation to the new template
- Email Expo spreadsheet and invite language to commission members
- 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
- 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)