

MEETING MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
September 25, 2017
6:00 PM

North St. Paul – City Hall/Sandberg Room
2400 Margaret Street



I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sue Springborn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Sue Springborn, Chair
Glen Olson, Vice Chair
Simba Blood
Jan Walczak, Council Liaison

Absent: Felicia Tolbert-Ireland

Staff: Keith Stachowski, Public Works
Debra Gustafson, Strategic Operations Director

Others: Megan Litsey, WSB and Associates

III. ADOPT AGENDA

On motion by Vice Chair Olson, seconded by Commissioner Blood with all present voting aye, motion carried to adopt the agenda as presented.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Commissioner Blood, seconded by Vice Chair Olson with all present voting aye, motion carried to approve the August 28, 2017 meeting minutes as presented.

V. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Note: This is a courtesy extended to persons wishing to address the Commission concerning issues that are not on the agenda. This discussion will be limited to 15 minutes.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS-

A. **Review/Discussion:** SWPPP Presentation. Megan Litsey from WSB attended the meeting and reviewed the North St. Paul MS4 program with the Commission. Additional information regarding the program is available on the North St. Paul's Stormwater Page.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

VIII. COMMISSION BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. **Review/Discussion/Possible Action:** Pumpkin Drop. The pumpkin drop is scheduled to take place on November 1-5. Liaison Stachowski stated he is planning to contact the Farmer regarding delivery of the pumpkins.
- B. **Review/Discussion/Possible Action:** Mid-year goal status. Liaison Gustafson reviewed the status report with the Commission. They are on-track to accomplish all of their set goals before the end of the year.
- C. **Review/Discussion/Possible Action:** Score Grant. Liaison Stachowski stated the City has approximately 23,000 in score grant funding. The Commission stated they plan to use \$10,000 for education (Climb Theater in the schools), some funding for staff hours. The Commission expressed interest in purchasing reusable shopping bags since they have used all of the old EAC recycling bags. Staff stated they would look into bag options. The commission stated would like the bags to be American Made or made from recycled material if possible. Chair Springborn mentioned she would possibly would be interested in having a water fountain located in downtown NSP, a fountain that would count how many water bottled it has eliminated. Liaison Stachowski stated it may be difficult to install a new water fountain with the money allotted from the score grant since that would require new plumbing, City Council approval, approval with the downtown master plan.
- D. **Review/Discussion/Possible Action:** Fix-It Clinic Debrief. The EAC felt it was a great program and would be interested in hosting another clinic in 2018.
- E. **Review/Discussion/Possible Action:** Cancel or Re-schedule December EAC Meeting. The Commissioners were in consensus to reschedule the December meeting for December 11th. Gustafson stated she would send out a reminder of the date change.

IX. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- A. **Review/Discussion:** October 16 meeting 5:00-6:00 p.m. Liaison Gustafson reminded the Commission of the October meeting day/time change. Gustafson also mentioned the City is planning to have a community café that night at 6:00 p.m.
- B. **Review/Discussion:** Bees and Chickens. The Commission recommended if council plans to continue the conversation regarding bees and chickens that they should have experts in each area attend the meeting. They feel there has been a lot of speculation regarding cons and pros regarding bees and chickens without having experts involved in the conversation. Liaison Gustafson stated she would share their feedback with the City Manager.

X. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- A. **Review/Discussion:** Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Update. Vice Chair Olson stated he had no update since he didn't attend the last Café. Council Liaison Walczak stated she attended the last Café and there was a good turnout. She mentioned many of those that attended the meeting were supportive of sidewalks and several people mentioned they would like to see additional solar powered cross walk signs throughout the community. The Commission asked how much the solar powered signs cost, Liaison Gustafson stated would find out what the City paid for the last signs and would get that information to the EAC.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Commissioner Blood, seconded by Vice Chair Olson, with all present voting aye, motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting October 16, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

