



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023

6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

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

Present: Delia Denis, Nesvold, Brown, Wasilowski, Isaac Yetzer and Chair Huston.

Absent: Lee Nordmeyer and Roger Steinkamp

Staff: Mathias Hughey and Kari Casper.

Chair Huston requested a Roll Call. Present were Brown, Wasilowski, Nesvold and Chair Huston.

Chair Huston then requested Introductions where everyone gave a short introduction of themselves.

2. Approve September 26, 2022 Minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nesvold and seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the September 26, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed on a 4/0 vote.

3. Items for Discussion

A. 2023 Work Plan

Chair Huston asked each member to give their thoughts and began with Brown. Brown mentioned that she felt that they weren't able to engage any actionable items and stated that she would like to see movement in "Development" by way of ordinance changes, make buildings more sustainable and maybe discuss working on Climate Change issues in the city. Nesvold was next and she would like to see the city have more impact on issues; more communication. She too would like to see ordinance changes, in particular the tree ordinance – one down, then one up. Wasilowski then mentioned that he agrees with the previously stated suggestions and would also like to see actionable goals reached. Our Youth on Board, Delia Denis, then was asked for input. She stated that she felt that educating the people would be important and letting them know that even the small things can matter. Chair Huston mentioned that he will be consulting/speaking at the Faribault Futures class to help let the people know through Rotary. Denis mentioned that if someone could find statistics on what other towns were

doing and let the people know to get them engaged. Wasilowski stated that it seems as though we tend to focus more on homeowners rather than businesses where we might be able to see more of an impact.

After some discussion, Chair Huston requested that we focus on two main areas which were the Landscape Ordinance and the Tree Ordinance. He also requested that we keep discussion to a minimum at this meeting and discuss at the next meeting wherein our new and more of our existing members will be present.

A motion was made by Nesvold, seconded by Brown to focus on two main areas which were the Landscape Ordinance and the Tree Ordinance as the start to 2023 Work Plan. Further items could be added once those goals had been accomplished.

Motion carried on a 4/0 vote.

4. Adjournment

Chair Huston asked for a motion to adjourn, Wasilowski brought the motion, seconded by Brown at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried on a 4/0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 23, 2023

by: 
Kari Casper, Recording Secretary