



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES

PUBLIC MEETING ROOM

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023

6:00 PM

Meeting Items

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 5:59 p.m. by acting chair Martha Brown. In attendance were Vice Chair Martha Brown, Teresa DeMars, Cynthia Diessner, Dick Huston, Lee Nordmeyer, and Roger Steinkamp. Also in attendance was Staff Liaison, Mathias Hughey.

2. Approval of the Minutes of February 27, 2023 Environmental Commission

Motion by Huston, seconded by Steinkamp. The motion carried on a 7/0 vote.

3. Items for Discussion

A. Tree Preservation Ordinance Update

Update provided by DeMars. Discussion was held on the progress of the tree preservation and replacement ordinance update and what next steps and goals should be for the coming month. The discussion coincided with the discussion of the landscape ordinance and the tall grass and weed ordinance.

B. Landscape Ordinance Update

Update provided by Brown. Discussion was held on the progress of the landscape ordinance update and what next steps and goals should be for the coming month. The discussion coincided with the discussion of the tree preservation and replacement ordinance and the tall grass and weed ordinance.

Diessner suggested that all landscape-related ordinances be co-located. The suggestion was generally supported, and it was noted that the city code could be difficult to navigate. Hughey shared that public-facing documents could consolidate this information, in a more user-friendly way.

It was suggested that commission explore connecting with the Northfield Environmental Commission to learn from their experience with landscaping and tree policies.

Brown, left the meeting at 6:56 p.m. asking Houston to serve as chair.

C. Promotion of Pollinators

DeMars provided a brief update on several programs and projects underway to promote pollinators. More info will be included with next month's packet. It was suggested that pollinator info be added to the environmental commission section of the City's website.

4. Routine Business

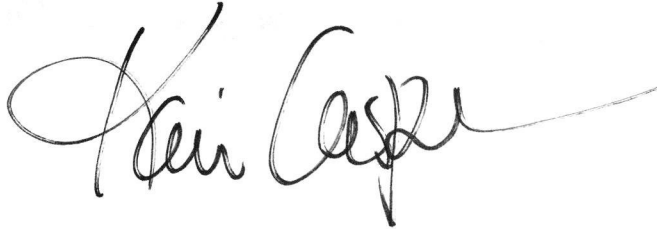
A. Announcements and Updates

i Rice SWCD Plant Sale

Hughey shared an announcement that Rice SWCD was holding its annual plant sale, and provided a link to the SWCD store website.

5. Adjournment

Houston entertained a motion to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. The Motion was made by Steinkamp, seconded by DeMars. The Motion carried on a 5/0 vote.

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