



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES

PUBLIC MEETING ROOM

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024

6:00 PM

Meeting Items

1. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Mathias Hughey at 6:06 p.m. A request for a motion to start the meeting was made by Teresa Demars and seconded by Debie Graham. This motion passed unanimously. In attendance were Teresa DeMars, Cindy Diessner, Debie Graham, Lee Nordmeyer, and Delia Denis. Kari Casper then administered the Oaths of Office to Debie Graham, Teresa DeMars, Lee Nordmeyer, and Delia Denis. Also in attendance were Susan Erickson, Emily Nesvold, and Lisa Hartman for the Partners in Pollinators group and Director David Wanberg.

2. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Lee Nordmeyer, seconded by Debie Graham to approve the meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Routine Business

A. Announcements and Updates

Following Director Wanberg's announcement, Susan Erickson with the Partners for Pollinators, began their request for assistance from the Environmental Commission. Ms. Erickson passed out a memo that had been previously forwarded to the City, the Mayor, and City Council members. Their three main requests were to have a map of the pollinator gardens. They are already currently working with the city's website with the "Bee a Dot on the Map". They list numerous actions they will take in coordination with this project. The next request would be regarding trees -- they would like to see information on replacement following the loss of the ash trees. The last request would be to ask the city to provide more native areas and gardens in Faribault. They provided a potential list of locations. Hughey suggested that the Environmental Commission adopt a resolution.

i David Wanberg

David Wanberg, the Director of the Community and Economic Development department, came forward to announce that Mathias Hughey has resigned from his position to take a position in Northfield and will not be at the next meeting. Director Wanberg also explained that due to the lack of staff, the staff's ability to prepare for the upcoming meeting is strained and there will be no meeting next month as planned on the schedule. Shortly, all board members should check their emails as to when they might be receiving information about another meeting. Wanberg also thanked the board members for their roles and time on this important board. Introductions were made at this time.

ii Wyland Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation - Postponed for 2024

Mathias Hughey explained that this program is postponed in 2024 and didn't expect

information on the upcoming challenge until April 2025.

4. Items for Discussion

A. Election of 2024 Environmental Commission Officers

The election of officers was moved up to allow the new chair to further conduct the meeting. A motion was made for Teresa DeMars for chair by Teresa DeMars, seconded by Cindy Diessner. The motion passed unanimously. Another motion was made by Teresa DeMars, seconded by Cindy Diessner to nominate Debie Graham as Vice Chair. This motion passed unanimously as well.

B. 2024 Environmental Commission Work Plan

A motion was made to support three programs 1) adopt a drain; 2) promote pollinators; and, 3) promote energy audits as the work plan for this year by Delia Denis, seconded by Debbie Graham. The motion passed on a 5/0 vote.

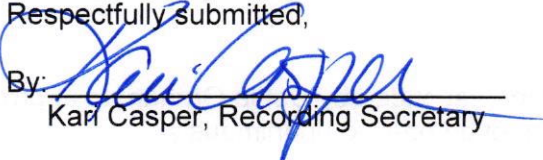
C. Member Resources

We were advised to send information to the City Staff to distribute. Brad Phenow is our communications director, and we will work with him to get information on Social Media.

5. Adjournment

Motion by Delia Denis, seconded by Lee Nordmeyer to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 

Karl Casper, Recording Secretary