



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Environmental Quality Commission

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

6:00 PM - REGULAR AGENDA CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Present: 7 - Chair Michael Provancha, Commissioner Daniel Jones, Commissioner Janet Petri, Commissioner George Kinney, Commissioner Susannah Shmurak, Vice Chair Rob Hanson and Commissioner Ava Podracky

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bruce Anderson

Also present: Risi Karim, Assistant to the City Administrator; Matt Bailey, Meeting Associate; Davin Sokup, Non-Voting Ex Officio Member; Alex Halverson, Youth Representative (Non-Voting)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Petri, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Provancha, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Petri, Commissioner Kinney, Commissioner Shmurak, Vice Chair Hanson and Commissioner Podracky

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [25-563](#) September 17, 20205 EQC Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hanson, seconded by Commissioner Petri, to approve the September 17, 2025 EQC Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Provancha, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Petri, Commissioner Kinney, Commissioner Shmurak, Vice Chair Hanson and Commissioner Podracky

PRESENTATIONS

2. [25-564](#) Tree Canopy of Northfield

Assistant to the City Administrator Risi Karim introduced Shelley Evanson, Horticulturalist for the City of Northfield, who delivered a presentation on the tree canopy of Northfield. Evanson responded to questions and comments from the EQC.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

No board and commissioner reports were received.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. [25-565](#)

2025 Work Plan Updates

- *Zero Waste Plan Implementation: This initiative has been completed.*
- *Community Engagement Campaign: Energy Efficiency, HVAC Contractor and Homeowner Education: Training for HVAC contractors will be held Wednesday, October 22, from 9:00 to 11:45 a.m. at the Northfield Public Library, Bunday Room, 210 Washington Street. Outreach to area contractors to sign up continues. Additional public education programs are scheduled for October and November.*
- *Native Planting Ordinance: Tree Planting and Vegetation: Commissioner Jones continues to work on his report.*
- *Water Quality & Conservation: Commissioner Shmurak reported on tabling that the subcommittee did last week and suggested a longitudinal study of water use in the City. Commissioner Kinney spoke on the measurement of contaminant levels in the City water supply.*
- *Research Level 3 Charger Use and Need: This initiative has been completed.*

STAFF UPDATES

4. [25-566](#)

Staff Update.

Assistant to the City Administrator Risi Karim provided updates from City staff. Karim responded to questions and comments from the EQC.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kinney, seconded by Commissioner Shmurak, to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Provancha, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Petri, Commissioner Kinney, Commissioner Shmurak, Vice Chair Hanson and Commissioner Podracky