

EQC Minutes
Thursday, July 12, 2019
City Council Chambers

Members present: JanetPetri, Kim Smith, Matt Rohn, Brian Nowal, Alex Miller, Katie Schroeer

Members missing: Carla Hansen, A. Joseph Hopwood, Nicholas Boehning

City Staff: Justin Wagner, Jay

City Staff Absent: Barb Neitzel (Alex taking minutes)

Guests: Mary Jo Christofaro

Agenda:

1. Call to order and approval of agenda
 - i. Janet called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm
 - ii. Motion: Kim, Brian second
2. Approval of minutes
 - i. Motion: Kim, Brian second
 - ii. Matt amended: second sentence on energy report, "It informs the request for a Memorandum of Understanding that would allow the city..."
3. Unfinished Business
 - a. Noxious Weed Ordinance
 - i. Jay presented and Kim presented copies of the resolution that the EQC passed back in Feb, 2019. The EQC needed to clarify that invasive species are in fact a noxious weed. The EQC updated Article I, Sec. 86.1 Weeds and Invasive Species of the Land Development Code to open for additional species to be added to the existing state-wide lists for the City of Northfield. City staff does not have the capacity to do extensive research to maintain a list of invasive species versus the state of Minnesota. The EQC and city staff can recommend that a species be added to the list by a majority vote of the city council. This list would be posted on the city website for property owners.
 - ii. Next steps: Based off staff concerns for maintaining a list, the EQC recommended that the ordinance go to legal and then move to city council for formal adoption.
 - b. Draft Climate Action Plan
 - i. The EQC Reviewed and gave edits to the first draft of the Climate Action Plan. These edits will go to the consultant for further revisions.
 - c. Overview of Article 5 of Land Development Code
 - i. Matt gave a presentation of Article 5 of the LDC. Language is very soft in terms of suggesting vs. requiring any action.
 - ii. Brian will present Article 3 next month.

4. Next meeting agenda
 - a. Dark Skies Update
 - b. Article 3 presentation
 - c. Second draft of CAP Review
5. Public Comment
 - a. What is the Bike BLVD signage on the new Washington street? Meant to signify that bikes are able to share the road
6. Adjournment
 - a. Kim motion, Brian second at 8:19 pm