



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Final Environmental Quality Commission

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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

Chair Petri called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

Present: 6 - Commissioner Michael Provancha, Commissioner Bruce Anderson, Commissioner Daniel Jones, Commissioner Janet Petri, Commissioner George Kinney and Commissioner Luke Pegram

Also present: Risi Karim, Assistant to the City Administrator; Matt Bailey, Meeting Associate; Jael Conde, Youth Representative (Non-Voting)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Provancha, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Petri, Commissioner Kinney and Commissioner Pegram

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [23-1582](#)

October 18, 2023 EQC Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [1 - October 18, 2023 EQC Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Provancha, to approve the October 18, 2023 EQC Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Provancha, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Petri, Commissioner Kinney and Commissioner Pegram

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. [23-1583](#) Discussion regarding the 2024 Work Plan

Attachments: [1 - 2024 Work Plan Consideration](#)

The EQC discussed topics and actions that might be considered for the 2024 EQC Work Plan, particularly as they pertain to the 2021-2024 Strategic Plan and Climate Action Plan. Topics discussed included continuing work on the Zero Waste Plan and Urban Forestry Management, additional events focused on the Inflation Reduction Act, a walking and biking campaign led by the Youth Representatives, possibly reconvening the Large Energy Consumer Group, exploring an electric trolley service on Highway 3, a food literacy and equity education initiative, installation of Level 3 electric vehicle chargers for public use in or near downtown, a green hydrogen fueling facility, public warming and cooling centers, and a review of the Comprehensive Plan.

3. [23-1584](#) 2023 Work Plan Update

Attachments: [1 - 2023 Work Plan](#)

The EQC discussed updates regarding the mostly completed 2023 Work Plan including:

- Reduction of Single Plastic Use in the City of Northfield*
- The Inflation Reduction Act Public Forum held on November 2, 2023*
- Urban Forestry Management - Commissioner Jones is working on another draft of the plan to be presented to the EQC and interested City Staff*
- Climate Action Plan Tracking, including the completed Partners in Energy workshop*
- The Green Welcome Packet, which is in circulation to the public*
- Energy Action Items, including the recent facility walk-through with Post*

STAFF UPDATES

4. [23-1585](#) Staff Update

Assistant to the City Administrator Risi Karim presented updates from City Staff.

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

No updates were given by Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Provancha, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Petri, Commissioner Kinney and Commissioner Pegram