



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Final Environmental Quality Commission

Wednesday, February 19, 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 6:01 p.m.

Present: 8 - Michael Provancha, Commissioner Bruce Anderson, Commissioner Daniel Jones, Commissioner Janet Petri, Commissioner George Kinney, Commissioner Susannah Shmurak, Commissioner Jael Conde and Vice Chair Rob Hanson

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Yes: 8 - Chair Provancha, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Petri, Commissioner Kinney, Commissioner Shmurak, Commissioner Conde and Vice Chair Hanson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [25-098](#) January 15, 2025 EQC Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Kinney, to approve the January 15, 2025 EQC Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Chair Provancha, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Petri, Commissioner Kinney, Commissioner Shmurak, Commissioner Conde and Vice Chair Hanson

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. [25-099](#) Consider a Motion proclaiming April 25, 2025 as Arbor Day in Northfield.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kinney, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the resolution proclaiming April 25, 2025 as Arbor Day in

Northfield. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Chair Provancha, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Petri, Commissioner Kinney, Commissioner Shmurak, Commissioner Conde and Vice Chair Hanson

3. [25-100](#) 2025 Work Plan Updates

The EQC discussed the 2025 EQC Work Plan. The plan includes the following initiatives:

- Zero Waste Plan Implementation: Chair Provancha reported that he and others from the EQC have met with Mayor Zweifel, and the subcommittee has met to discuss survey questions.*
- Community Engagement Campaign: Energy Efficiency, HVAC Contractor and Homeowner Education: Commissioner Anderson reported that the subcommittee has met with a representative of the Rotary Climate Action Committee regarding Federal energy efficiency rebate programs. It is still uncertain whether Federal funds are forthcoming. State and City rebates, as well as rebates from Xcel, are available. Commissioners will continue their public education efforts.*
- Native Planting Ordinance: Tree Planting & Vegetation: Commissioner Jones reported that the subcommittee has met to discuss parkway plantings.*
- Water Quality & Conservation: Commissioner Shmurak reported that the subcommittee has met to discuss their priorities and options for publicizing existing educational materials on water conservation. The subcommittee met with City Water Quality Technician James McDermott to discuss official communications and existing rebate options.*
- Research Level 3 Charger Use and Need: Vice-Chair Hanson reported that he met with Chair Provancha to discuss options and priorities for installing Level 3 chargers in Northfield. They are reviewing usage data for existing Level 2 chargers in Northfield to see what the demand for a Level 3 charger might be.*

STAFF UPDATES**4. [25-101](#) Staff Update.**

Assistant to the City Administrator Risi Karim provided updates from City staff.

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Jones will be meeting with Water Quality Technician James McDermott regarding flooding.*
- Chair Provancha thanked the Commissioners for their perseverance.*

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Petri, to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Chair Provancha, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Petri, Commissioner Kinney, Commissioner Shmurak, Commissioner Conde and Vice Chair Hanson