

Meeting Minutes - Draft Environmental Quality Commission

Thursday, June 8, 2017

7:00 PM

City Hall 2nd Floor Training Room

I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Chairman George Kinney called the June EQC meeting to order at 7:02pm.

A motion was made by Board Member Miller, seconded by Board Member Smith, to amend the agenda to include an update on council strategic planning in regards to the climate action plan. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

1. [17-839](#)

Attachments: [EQC Minutes May-2017](#)

A motion was made by Board Member Miller, seconded by Board Member Smith, to approve the May 2017 minutes as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Unfinished Business

2. [17-840](#)

Update on Northfield being a Pollinator Friendly Community

Attachments: [Plant Program Brochure \(002\).pdf](#)

The City of Northfield, being a pollinator friendly city, offers a native plant landscaping rebate for native plantings within the city. The City is also considering areas for native pollinator gardens. The Northfield Garden Club is constructing a bee shaped garden in Riverside Park that will be planted with pollinator plants.

EQC members would like to see pollinator rebate brochures distributed at area facilities and business to promote the rebate program. EQC also suggested adding signage to the pollinator gardens in Riverside Park.

3. [17-841](#)

Update on the City of Northfield's Tree Policy

Attachments: [Tree Policy - Att 1 - 2012 Proposed Policy.pdf](#)

[Northfield Urban Forest Plan 2014 final.pdf](#)

EQC members reviewed Northfield's tree policy as well as the drafted Urban Forest Asset Management Plan. EQC members would like to see the approved boulevard tree list added to the city website. The members will be updated on progress of EAB policy work conducted this summer.

City Council has a work session scheduled for June 13th to review updates from staff on strategic planning direction. Council has looked at 6 initiatives, with climate being one of them. EQC members stressed the importance of involving community members at the beginning of the climate action planning process.

Janet Petri shared information on her upcoming trip to Washington DC to encourage congress to take action on climate change by endorsing a carbon free and dividend.

Cliff Martin received a composting license. Curbside organic composting will begin in Northfield on July 11th.

Alex Miller is working on a 0 Waste Campus campaign at Carleton. She hopes to be a tour stop next spring.

V. Adjournment

A motion was made by Board Member Smith, seconded by Board Member Culbreth, to adjourn the June EQC meeting at 8:03pm. The motion carried unanimously.