

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MN
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2018-015
ESTABLISHING THE NORTHFIELD CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, the Northfield City Council’s Strategic Plan adopted six strategic priorities, including creating a “community that’s resilient and sustainable.” The desired outcomes under this priority include (1) a climate action plan offering a clear vision for climate action and (2) reduced net carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, to achieve these outcomes, the City Council is being requested to consider establishing a Northfield Climate Action Plan Advisory Board to develop a Climate Action Plan for consideration by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Northfield Climate Action Plan Advisory Board will work with city staff, consultants, the Environmental Quality Commission and other relevant boards and commissions, and civic groups in the development of the Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS the Northfield Climate Action Plan Advisory Board intends to meet monthly, or as needed, to oversee the data collection, public comment, and organization of the proposed Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Council has the Authority to create Boards and Commissions in accordance with Section 3.2 of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.2 of the City Charter provides that the Mayor shall appoint the members of advisory boards and commissions subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the council which is proposed to occur at a future date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THAT:

The Northfield City Council establishes the “Northfield Climate Action Plan Advisory Board” as follows:

1. Work with city staff to determine the scope of the Climate Action Plan (that is, to determine the precise issue areas to be addressed, such as energy, waste, water, transportation, education, etc.) in adherence with the Climate Change Impacts section of the City of Northfield Strategic Plan Summary (2018-2020).
2. Develop an outreach and education strategy to engage the public in the planning process.
3. Solicit volunteers, appoint and direct working groups to help gather data and contribute to the drafting of each section of the proposed Climate Action Plan.
4. Work with staff to partner with consultants, the Environmental Quality Commission and other relevant boards and commissions and civic groups in the development of the Climate Action Plan.
5. Update the Environmental Quality Commission quarterly about its activity and progress.
6. Update the City Council in partnership with staff as deemed appropriate within the overall reporting of the Northfield Strategic Plan (2018-2020).
7. Finalize drafts of each section of the proposed Climate Action Plan.
8. Write/review an executive summary for the proposed Climate Action Plan.
9. Present a Climate Action Plan to City Council.

10. The Northfield Climate Action Plan Advisory Board shall terminate effective upon majority approval of the City Council or on December 31, 2019, whichever shall occur first.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 13th day of February, 2018.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

VOTE: ___ POWNELL ___ COLBY ___ DELONG ___ NAKASIAN
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