



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Environmental Quality Commission

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: 7 - Vice Chair Michael Provancha, Chair Daniel Jones, Commissioner Janet Petri, Commissioner George Kinney, Commissioner Michelle Mattson, Commissioner Susannah Shmurak and Commissioner Jael Conde

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bruce Anderson

Also present: Risi Karim, Assistant to the City Planner; Davin Sokup, City Council Member (non-voting, ex officio); Matt Bailey, Meeting Associate; Ava Podracky, Youth Representative (non-voting)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Yes: 7 - Vice Chair Provancha, Chair Jones, Commissioner Petri, Commissioner Kinney, Commissioner Mattson, Commissioner Shmurak and Commissioner Conde

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [24-618](#) September 18, 2024 EQC Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [1 - September 18, 2024 EQC Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Kinney, seconded by Commissioner Petri, to approve the September 18, 2024 EQC Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Vice Chair Provancha, Chair Jones, Commissioner Petri, Commissioner Kinney, Commissioner Mattson, Commissioner Shmurak and Commissioner Conde

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. [24-619](#) 2024 Work Plan Update

Attachments: [1 - 2024 WorkPlan Update_October](#)

- *Zero Waste Plan Implementation: Chair Jones will meet with representatives of City Staff to discuss this further.*
- *Inflation Reduction Act Workshop Series: Commissioner Petri has led tabling and outreach events this year. Petri hopes that guidance and information regarding the Inflation Reduction Act will be forthcoming from the state and federal government. Commissioner Shmurak inquired about information that can be distributed regarding rebates and incentives that are already available. A Carleton College Student, Natalie, will be assisting the EQC next year on sustainability initiatives, including this one. Members of the EQC are interested in having a presence at Winter Walk this year.*
- *Active Living: Walk and Bike Campaign: Assistant to the City Administrator Risi Karim will be coordinating further activity on this with Commissioner Anderson and Youth Representatives Conde and Podracky.*
- *Food Education Campaign: This initiative was completed in May 2024.*
- *Native Planting Promoting: Tree Planting & Vegetation: Chair Jones and Commissioners Kinney and Shmurak met with Karim and Associate Planner Mathias Hughey to discuss possible revisions in the City Code to encourage native plants on City land.*

STAFF UPDATES

3. [24-620](#) Staff Update.

Assistant to the City Administrator Risi Karim provided updates from City Staff. Karim reminded the EQC about the upcoming Board and Commission training focused on development of the City's Strategic and Comprehensive Plans.

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

No reports were received from the Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Kinney, to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 7 - Vice Chair Provancha, Chair Jones, Commissioner Petri, Commissioner Kinney, Commissioner Mattson, Commissioner Shmurak and Commissioner Conde