



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Environmental Quality Commission

Thursday, January 11, 2018

7:00 PM

2nd Floor Training Room

I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Chair Kim Smith called the January EQC meeting to order at 7:00pm.

A motion was made by Board Member Miller, seconded by Board Member Petri, to approve the January 2018 agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

1. [18-021](#)

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes Dec-2017](#)

A motion was made by Board Member Petri, seconded by Board Member Miller, to approve as amended the December 2017 Minutes to correct the AASHE held in San Antonio in October 2017. Majority in favor. Motion carried.

III. Public Comment

Community member, Philip Spensley expressed his commitment to climate change. He encouraged EQC when making decisions, to consider its impact on the climate.

IV. New Business Items

2. [18-022](#)

Environmental Quality Commission Orientation Packet

Attachments: [2018 Board Commission Orientation Materials with attachments](#)
[EQC BYLAWS](#)

Commission members viewed a video from City Administrator Ben Martig, welcoming members to EQC. Mayor Rhonda Pownell was at the meeting to thank members for their commitment in the strategic role they play within our community.

3. [18-023](#)

Introduction to the Environmental Quality Commission and Recap of 2017

Attachments: [2017 recap of Environmental Quality Commission Jan. 2018](#)
[NEWG Presentation](#)

EQC member, Alex Miller, shared an overview of the body of work completed and being done by the EQC. She also explained where the commission and city are in their work on the Climate Action Plan.

4. [18-024](#)

Election of Officers

A motion was made by Board Member Smith, seconded by Board Member Petri, to elect Alex Miller as Co-Chair for 2018. Kim Smith will move from her role as Co-Chair to Chair for 2018. Majority in favor. Motion carried.

V. Unfinished Business

5. [18-025](#) Continued Discussion of One Watershed, One Plan

Youth EQC Member Katie Schroeer gave an informative presentation on One Watershed, One Plan. She showed maps of hot spots near Northfield as well as the area impacted in the watershed. For upcoming meetings and opportunities to participate in the program, contact the CRWP.

6. [18-026](#) Review Final Resolution Regarding Establishment of the Northfield Climate Action Plan Advisory Board

Attachments: [CAPAB Resolution](#)

The final resolution regarding establishment of the Northfield Climate Action Plan Advisory Board was reviewed. The resolution will go to council on February 13, 2018 with the hopes of establishing members by March 20, 2018. Kim and George will be at the council meeting to represent EQC. EQC members can be on the committees being formed as long as quorum is not met at those meetings.

7. [18-027](#) Continued Discussion of Climate Action Plan and Engagement with other Boards and Commissions.

Discussion was held on informing and engaging other boards and commissions on the Climate Action Plan. Kim's presentation to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board will be shared with EQC Members to use as a template when framing up their presentations. The following members will contact the chairs of the following boards:

Planning Commission - Alex

EDA - Alex

PRAB - Kim

HPC - Kim

Arts & Culture - Alex

HRA - Brian

Planning Commission- Carla

VI. Adjournment

Items for the February 2018 EQC meeting:

** Progress on outreach to boards*

** Goals for 2018*

** Continue learning - possibly invite other boards and commissions*

A motion was made by Board Member Petri, seconded by Board Member Miller, to adjourn the January 2018 EQC meeting at 8:11. All in favor. Motion carried.