



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Environmental Quality Commission

Thursday, September 13, 2018

7:00 PM St. Olaf College - Buntrock Commons 142, Unsted Room

I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

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

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

II. Approval of Minutes

1. [18-446](#)

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes Aug-2018](#)

A motion was made by Board Member Kinney, seconded by Board Member Miller, to approve the August 2018 minutes as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Public Comment

The FOCUS on Light Pollution booklet from Carleton College was distributed to EQC members.

IV. New Business

2. [18-447](#)

EQC to give St. Olaf Environmental Studies students an update on the Climate Action Plan process.

M. Rohn gave a presentation to St. Olaf students in Professor Peabody's class on the climate action plan process. He shared the history of how the process began as well as opportunities for future involvement with Northfield's CAP.

3. [18-448](#)

EQC is to receive a presentation on We Are Water MN

Kristi Pursell, the executive director of Cannon River Watershed Partnership gave a presentation on We Are Water MN. They are hoping to declare 2019 the year of water in Northfield. A traveling exhibit will be at Carleton's Weitz Center from June 20, 2019 through July 28, 2019. A motion was made by B. Nowak and seconded by G. Kinney to support and make a proclamation declaring 2019 the year of water in Northfield. The motion was tabled until the proclamation is written and shared with EQC.

V. Unfinished Business

4. [18-449](#)

EQC is to receive an Update on the City's Rebate Programs

Staff shared the rain garden, rain barrel and native plant rebate numbers for 2018. Discussion was held on how to increase the number of rebates.

5. [18-450](#) EQC is to consider a motion approving the Climate Action Plan community survey.

Attachments: [CAP Community Survey 9-13-18](#)

The final copy of the CAP community survey, which was approved by the CAPAB, was reviewed. Discussion was held on the demographics questions. C. Hansen will work with staff to push the survey out to the public through Survey Monkey.

A motion was made by Board Member Miller, seconded by Board Member Smith, to approve Climate Action Plan community survey. Six in favor. One not in favor. Motion carried.

VI. Adjournment

Items for the October 2018 EQC meeting:

- * Dark Skies*
- * CAPAB Update*
- * 2019 Year of Water in Northfield*
- * Tree List Resolutions*

A motion was made by Board Member Kinney, seconded by Board Member Miller, to adjourn the September 2018 meeting at 8:12pm. The motion carried unanimously.