

Meeting Minutes - Draft Environmental Quality Commission

Thursday, October 11, 2018

7:00 PM

City Hall 2nd Floor Training Room

I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Chair Kim Smith called the October EQC meeting to order at 7:01pm.

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

II. Approval of Minutes

1. [18-499](#)

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

A motion was made by Board Member Rohn, seconded by Board Member Hansen, to approve the September 2018 minutes as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Unfinished Business

2. [18-500](#)

EQC is to receive an Update from the CAPAB co-chairs

CAPAB Co-chair, Alex Miller, shared a packet given to city council at a working session last Tuesday. The updated "Quick Hits" list was discussed, as well as the community climate action survey, and the working groups. A climate action plan consultant was chosen earlier in the day.

3. [18-501](#)

EQC to receive an update on the Greater Northfield Sustainability Collaborative outreach efforts on dark skies.

Kim Smith updated EQC members on the outreach efforts the GNSC has made related to dark skies. There are upcoming classes at St. Olaf and Carleton to give students the opportunity to research dark skies which will be shared with the GNSC.

4. [18-502](#)

Tree Related Discussion

Attachments: [Tree letter for Tree Subcommittee](#)

The City of Northfield has an approved tree list but no prohibited tree list. EQC would like to review the tree list annually. Discussion was held on Northfield in Bloom financing Katie Himanga to update Northfield's 2014 Urban Forest Management Plan. This work may be a better fit with the

CAPAB.

A motion was made by Board Member Miller, seconded by Board Member Kinney, to encourage the CAPAB to invite Northfield in Bloom to commission an update of the existing Urban Forest Management Plan, and to use Northfield in Bloom as a fiscal agent other than the City of Northfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. New Business Items

5. [18-503](#) Consider a Motion Regarding Water Supply Plan

Attachments: [Final Northfield 2017 Water Supply Plan](#)
[WSP Approval Letter](#)

EQC reviewed Northfield's Water Supply Plan. Discussion was held on high water usage in areas of the city. EQC recommends the Water Supply Plan to be shared with the CAPAB water subcommittee to be used as a source of information.

A motion was made by Board Member Kinney, seconded by Board Member Rohn, to recommend staff bring the Water Supply Plan to council for approval. All in favor. Motion carried.

VI. Adjournment

Items for the November 2018 EQC meeting:

- *Kristi from CRWP*
- *Update on board & commission outreach*
- *Update from September 20th storm*
- *Meet Jae Morrison*

A motion was made by Board Member Kinney, seconded by Board Member Rohn, to adjourn the October 2018 meeting at 8:22pm. The motion carried unanimously.