

Meeting Minutes - Draft Environmental Quality Commission

Thursday, January 10, 2019

7:00 PM

City Hall 2nd Floor Training Room

I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Vice Chair Alex Miller called the January EQC meeting to order at 7:03pm.

A motion was made by Board Member Petri, seconded by Board Member Hansen, to approve the January 2019 agenda as amended to remove #5 - Discussion of a proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter 86 of the City Code related to Weeds and #6 - EQC Views the Welcome Video and Discusses Bylaws. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

1. [19-635](#)

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

A motion was made by Board Member Petri, seconded by Board Member Hansen, to approve the December 2018 Minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Public Comment

Alyssa Melby from the Arts and Culture Commission shared the City of Northfield Cultural Plan for 2019 - 2024. The Cultural Plan will be added to the February EQC agenda along with the opportunity to vote to support the plan.

Janet Petri received a call from Avery Hildebrand of Conservation Minnesota, who is interested in starting a steering committee for a conference to be held April 6th. EQC youth member, Katie Schroeder and Janet Petri agreed to be a part of that committee.

IV. Unfinished Business

2. [19-636](#)

Discussion of Climate Action Plan Survey Presentation

Carla Hansen presented the results from the Climate Action Plan survey. The final results will be posted on the CAPAB page of the City's website.

3. [19-637](#)

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

Attachments: [19-01-03 CAPAB Update](#)

Alex Miller presented the quarterly update on work being done on the Climate Action Plan Advisory Board. Members of the CAPAB will be presenting the update to other City boards and commissions. George Kinney is a new member of the CAPAB and will no longer be an EQC member.

4. [19-638](#) Discussion of GreenStep City

Discussion was held on the importance of updating and recording information in the GreenStep City program. EQC members offered to help staff with input of information into the program. GreenStep City will be added as part of the yearly EQC work plan.

5. [19-639](#) Discussion of a proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter 86 of the City Code related to Weeds.

Attachments: [Amur Cork Tree \(Phellodendron amuren\) -- draft EQC resolution](#)
[Prohibited Tree List -2](#)

Removed from agenda

V. New Business Items

6. [19-640](#) Environmental Quality Commission Views the Welcome Video and Discusses Bylaws

Attachments: [EQC BYLAWS](#)

Removed from agenda

7. [19-641](#) Election of Officers

A motion was made by Board Member Miller, seconded by Board Member Hansen, to elect Janet Petri as 2019 EQC Chair. All in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Board Member Hanson, seconded by Board Member Petri, to elect Alex Miller as 2019 EQC Vice Chair. All in favor. Motion carried.

VI. Adjournment

EQC members discussed agenda items for the February 2019 EQC meeting:

- * Northfield Cultural Plan*
- * Update from Katie on Conservation MN steering committee*
- * City Code related to weeds*
- * EV Charging Grant Opportunity*
- * GreenStep City Update*
- * Orientation Video & ByLaw Update*

A motion was made by Board Member Miller, seconded by Board Member Hansen, to adjourn the January 2019 meeting at 8:16pm. The motion carried unanimously.