

Meeting Minutes - Draft Environmental Quality Commission

Thursday, February 14, 2019

7:00 PM

City Hall 2nd Floor Training Room

I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Chair Janet Petri called the February EQC meeting to order at 7:00pm.

A motion was made by Board Member Smith, seconded by Board Member Rohn, to approve the February 2019 agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

1. [19-701](#)

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes - January 2019](#)

A motion was made by Board Member Petri, seconded by Board Member Hansen, to approve the January 2019 minutes as amended to remove Janet Petri from the conference steering committee. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Public Comment

Northfield Reads begins in September. This year's theme will be Climate Change. If you have a good book suggestion, please send your ideas to Joan Ennis at the library - Joan.Ennis@ci.northfield.mn.us

IV. Unfinished Business

2. [19-702](#)

Motion to Support the Adoption of the Cultural Plan by City Council

Attachments: [Nfld Cultural Plan](#)

Arts and Culture Commission chair Alyssa Melby reviewed a presentation of the proposed cultural plan. Discussion was held on the importance of boards and commissions working together to benefit the City.

A motion was made by Board Member Smith, seconded by Board Member Nowak, to support the Arts and Culture Commission's Cultural Plan to be adopted by the City Council. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. [19-703](#)

Environmental Quality Commission Views the Welcome Video and Discusses Bylaws, City Council Rules of Business, and Orientation Power Point.

Attachments: [EQC BYLAWS](#)

[Rules of Business approved 01222019 with appendices](#)

[Power Point 3 per page](#)

Members viewed the City Administrator and Mayor's welcome video. The following dates

were highlighted:

- * *State of the City Address - March 18, 2019*
- * *Board and Commission Recognition Event - April 17, 2019*
- * *Board and Commission Training Event - October 23, 2019*
- * *Holiday Social and City Council Appreciation Reception - December 2019*

The EQC bylaws and EQC duties were discussed.

4. [19-639](#) Discussion of a proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter 86 of the City Code related to Weeds.

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

A motion was made by Board Member Smith, seconded by Board Member Miller, to amend Chapter 86 of the City Code related to weeds to add invasive species to Section 86-1, as well as to add the Amur Cork Tree to the prohibited tree list. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. Adjournment

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

- * *Dark Skies*
- * *Katie's update on the conference steering committee*
- * *Earth Day update*
- * *EV Grant*
- * *Second Reading*
- * *Land Development Code (1 chapter per month)*
 - * *Description of zoning districts and permitting land use (Kim Smith)*

Earth Day will be held Saturday April 27

Carleton's Climate Action Week will be February 16 - February 23

CAPAB Community Educational Event will be February 28

Carleton will be hosting UMAX on September 27 & 28

A motion was made by Board Member Smith, seconded by Board Member Miller, to adjourn the February 2019 meeting at 8:11pm. The motion carried unanimously.