



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Environmental Quality Commission

Thursday, March 14, 2019

7:00 PM

City Hall 2nd Floor Training Room

I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

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

A motion was made by Board Member Smith, seconded by Board Member Rohn, to approve the agenda as amended to move #4 Motion to Support Participation in the Northfield Rotary Club Electric Vehicle to the beginning of the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

1. [19-751](#)

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

A motion was made by Board Member Smith, seconded by Board Member Rohn, to approve the February 2019 Minutes as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. New Business Items

2. [19-752](#) Consider a motion Proclaiming April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day in Northfield

Attachments: [Resolution Proclaiming April 26 2019 as Arbor Day in Northfield](#)

A motion was made by Board Member Smith, seconded by Board Member Hopwood, to approve April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day in Northfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. [19-753](#) Consider a motion Proclaiming April 27, 2019 as Earth Day in Northfield

Attachments: [Resolution Proclaiming April 27 2019 as Earth Day](#)

A motion was made by Board Member Nowak, seconded by Board Member Smith, to approve April 27, 2019 as Earth Day in Northfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. [19-754](#) Motion to Support Participation in the Northfield Rotary Club Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant Program.

Attachments: [Rotary EV Charging Project - Partnership Document \(1\)](#)
[Rotary EV Charging Project - Application](#)
[fs-cp-network-4](#)

Rotary Club representative, Fred Rodgers, shared an opportunity for the City of Northfield to participate with Rotary Climate Action Team (RCAT) in acquiring and installation of electric vehicle charging stations in Northfield. RCAT is considering "level 2" dual plug EV terminals with contract partner Charge Point/Carbon Day Automotive for Commercial Service Plan.

A motion was made by Board Member Hopwood, seconded by Board Member Smith, to move for City Council to work with Rotary in acquiring electrical vehicle charging stations. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. [19-755](#) Environmental Quality Commission receives overview of Article 2 of the Land Development Code.

Attachments: [Northfield Land Development Code Article 2 \(1\)](#)

EQC member, Kim Smith, shared a summary of Article 2: Zoning Districts and Use Regulations of the Northfield Land Development Code. Discussion was held on housing density, the floodplain and renewable energy use for businesses. This information will be important when reviewing Northfield's Climate Action Plan.

V. Unfinished Business

6. [19-756](#) Environmental Quality Commission discusses the Conservation MN Steering Committee.

EQC youth member, Katie Schroeer, updated EQC on the Conservation MN Steering Committee which will meet on April 13th at the Hennepin United Methodist Church. Two 90 minute sessions will be offered in the morning from 9:00 - 12:00. Afternoon sessions are optional. All are welcome to attend. More information will be sent to EQC members as details are finalized.

7. [19-757](#) EQC to discuss a proposed amendment to the Environmental Quality Commission's Bylaws.

Attachments: [EQC Bylaw amendments](#)

Discussion was held on changes to the EQC bylaws. All members agreed ARTICLE IV - Section 1 should be changed to add the following new language: Electronic or postal mail sent to each member's last known address shall be deemed sufficient for giving such notice. All members did not agree on ARTICLE III - Section 5 with the proposed new language: Any Member may demand that a vote on a resolution be postponed until the next regular meeting. Such demands may be overridden by a vote of two-thirds of Members present. Staff felt it was important to follow Robert's Rules and follow consistent rules with other boards and commissions.

A motion was made by Board Member Petri, seconded by Board Member Rohn, to approve as amended to amend the EQC bylaws, ARTICLE IV, Section 1. Procedure to include: Electronic or postal mail sent to each member's last known address shall be deemed sufficient for giving such notice. The motion carried by the following vote: 3 yes, 2 no, 1 abstained.

8. [19-758](#) EQC to discuss a proposed update to the Dark Skies ordinance.

Attachments: [Dark Sky Proposed Resolution](#)

EQC member, Kim Smith, shared a resolution to urge the Planning Commission to amend the Dark Sky ordinance to add Correlated Color Temperature restrictions on all outdoor lighting, Lighting controls, and Enforcement to include audits for public nuisance. Smith will request to share her request with the Planning Commission at their April or May meeting.

9. [19-759](#) EQC discusses recently approved Dick's Sanitation, Inc. Waste Hauling Contract Amendment.

Attachments: [Second Amendment of DSI Contract v.6 022219](#)

The DSI contract was approved at the March 5, 2019 City Council meeting. Discussion was held on mandatory organic recycling as well as a 96 gallon recycling container offered in the new contract. An annual waste audit will be conducted to determine what type of waste Northfield is producing.

VI. Adjournment

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

- *Dark Skies*
- *Land Development Code #4*
- *Earth Day Celebration*
- *Conservation MN Update*

A motion was made by Board Member Smith, seconded by Board Member Rohn, to adjourn the March 2019 meeting at 8:45pm. The motion carried unanimously.