



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Environmental Quality Commission

Thursday, May 9, 2019

7:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

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

A motion was made by Board Member Smith, seconded by Board Member Miller, to approve the May 2019 EQC agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

1. [19-812](#)

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

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

III. Public Comment

Carleton student, Jake Gallant, asked for help with ideas to promote the We are Water traveling exhibit which will be at the Weitz Center from June 20 to July 28. EQC members suggested using Riverwalk Market Fair to reach people in Northfield.

Discussion was held on the DSI/City mailing explaining updated garbage receptacle sizes and pricing. EQC members were pleased with the initiative.

IV. Unfinished Business

2. [19-861](#)

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

CAPAB Co-chair, Alex Miller, updated EQC on the climate action plan progress. Discussion was held on the role EQC will play once CAPAB is dissolved at the end of 2019, and who will oversee the CAP. Members felt overlap was important during the transition. More discussion will take place when the plan is completed. The consultants are working with select groups during May and will hold community meetings in June to update and educate the public. CAPAB and the Energy group will give formal presentations at the June EQC meeting.

3. [19-813](#)

Update on Earth Day

Attachments: [Earth Day Poster 2019.final](#)

A positive energy was felt at this year's Earth Day Celebration despite the weather and fewer in attendance.

4. [19-814](#)

Environmental Quality Commission receives overview of Article 4 of the Land

Development Code.

EQC member, Carla Hansen, shared a summary of Article 4: Floodplains, Wetlands and Shorelands of the Land Development Code. Members have concerns around building in these zones. EQC feels it is important to work closely with the Planning Commission along with staff when building decisions are being made.

5. [19-815](#)

EQC to discuss a proposed update to the Dark Skies ordinance.

Attachments: [Dark Sky Presentation](#)

[Dark Sky Resolution Draft](#)

EQC member, Kim Smith, updated a resolution draft after suggestions from members at the March 2019 EQC meeting. Smith will introduce the light issues with the Planning Commission at their May 16 meeting. Staff and the City Attorney will also look at the resolution draft before being approved by EQC to move forward to City Council.

V. Adjournment

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

**CAPAB presentation*

**Energy Working Group presentation*

**Update on Dark Skies following PC presentation*

**Noxious Weed Policy*

A motion was made by Board Member Miller, seconded by Board Member Smith, to adjourn the May 2019 meeting at 8:10pm. The motion carried unanimously.