

Climate Action Plan Implementation Work Group Updates to Environmental Quality Commission

Work Group	Date	Participants	Actions	Future Plans
Transportation	9/22/20	Bruce Anderson, Beth Kallestad, Dave Bennett, Josh Ramaker	<p>The transportation sub-group requested a meeting with Public Works Director David Bennett regarding a grand opening for the 246/Jefferson Parkway roundabout. Public Works was open to this, and agreed to work with Beth and Josh Ramaker (Rice County SHIP) on the grand opening. transportation sub-group has sent out save-the-date notices to pedestrian/bike advocates and enthusiasts, and will do additional community outreach in advance of the event.</p> <p>Broader community education regarding pedestrian/bike infrastructure improvements made in 2020 and planned for 2021 was discussed.</p> <p>Beth Kallestad took part in a MNDOT webinar regarding Safe Routes to School.</p>	<p>Roundabout Grand Opening – Oct 23rd, Noon</p> <p>The City will make a video or series of videos about new bike lanes and proper usage, and work with the transportation sub-group on publicity and outreach. Opinion piece(s) may be written for the Northfield News.</p> <p>Carleton class (winter term) may do research on market-pricing for downtown Northfield parking and produce a report which may be the basis for a policy recommendation from the EQC to the City by spring 2021.</p> <p>Possible Walking School Bus pilot for Bridgewater school.</p>
Urban Forest/Land Use			The Urban Forest group has developed a maintenance plan for the Jefferson Park proposal.	Working on trying to line up volunteers to handle the maintenance. Will then go back to the Park Board.
Food			No update.	
Energy	9/24/20	Beth Kallestad, Brian Nowak, Matt Rohn, George Kinney, Lee Dilley	Discussed community solar bulk purchase and organizations we might partner with to help carryout. City RFP will happen soon for solar possibilities on city properties. Energy Efficiency in New Construction webinar Oct 20 th . Thoughts on appliance fuel switching (ex water heaters). CAC project progress.	Moving forward on community bulk solar and city on-site solar.
Water			Developing suggestions for the comp plan and land development code areas.	
Materials & Waste			Zero Waste Plan draft close to completion 9/23/20 – Matt, Carla, Marshall and Beth participated in Waste Sort at DSI. Less organic waste than we anticipated. Some materials that could be recycled. Lot of packaging. Challenging to get accurate assessment.	Finish draft of Zero Waste Plan to share with EQC.