

# City of Northfield

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## **Legislation Text**

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**EQC Meeting Date:** January 20, 2021

**To:** Members of the Environmental Quality Commission

From: Beth Kallestad, Program Coordinator

Welcome and Introductions

### **Action Requested:**

As the EQC has several new members, they will take time at the beginning for some introductions.

#### **Summary Report:**

EQC members are asked to share:

- Name
- What are some things you do when not participating in EQC? (ex work (where, what), school, exercise, etc.)
- What is one thing people would not know by looking at you?
- Why did you join EQC?

The February meeting will include an orientation, process/roles, review of bylaws, etc. A new Vice Chair will also be elected at the February meeting. For now, some brief background on EQC work in 2020:

#### Accomplishments:

- Updating the city's noxious weed ordinance to address invasive plants
- Creation of a carbon fund to support the health of the urban forest
- Resolution in support of federal carbon tax legislation

### Projects worked on:

- Updating city's Dark Sky policy to address blue-rich light
- Development of zero-waste policy, beginning with a plan for single-use plastics
- Collaborated with Planning Commission and city forester on creating a single "approved tree list"

### Projects for next year:

- Collaborate with Planning Commission as they revise the Comp Plan and LDC
- Develop policy on downtown parking, zero-waste, and voluntary green building standards
- Support demonstration projects like the CAC Affordable/Net Zero Energy Housing and native plantings

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in city parks

# **Alternative Options:**

NA

# **Financial Impacts:**

NA

# **Tentative Timelines:**

NA