

**City of Falcon Heights
Environment Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2011**

Present: Peter Lindstrom, Ethan Wagner, Nina Semmelroth, Stan Sveen, Brian Goodspeed, Diane Ross, Justin Miller

Absent: Rebecca Montgomery, Gretel Keene

1. Minutes of the July 11th meeting were reviewed with no suggested changes.
2. Miller provided an update on recycling statistics provided by Tennis Sanitation. January and February reports did not break out single vs. multi family numbers, so true comparisons were only available beginning in March. Further, it appears that data provided by Waste Management for multi-family buildings contained some discrepancies, so year-to-year comparisons for these buildings were not available. The commission asked that they continue to receive these updates in the future.
3. Miller provided a draft "Buy Local" card that will assist the city in gaining credit in the GreenStep Cities program. No further action was taken.
4. Miller provided information on the "complete streets" concept and stated that adopting such a policy would also help the city gain credit in the GreenStep Cities program. Miller asked the commission to review the examples provided and to let him know if there were any areas that they would like included in a draft policy. Miller will bring the draft policy back to the next commission meeting.
5. Commissioners commented on the great turnout at the Ice Cream Social and the number of environment/energy focused vendors at the event.
6. Semmelroth asked that Xcel Energy be contacted about their methodology in preparing their billing inserts that compare residential energy usage between neighbors. Miller stated he will try to collect some information.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.



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