

**City of Falcon Heights
Environment Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2011**

Present: Rebecca Montgomery, Diane Ross, Ethan Wagner, Nina Semmelroth, Brian Goodspeed, Peter Lindstrom, Justin Miller

Absent: Gretel Keene, Stan Sveen

1. Minutes of the October 10th meeting were approved.
2. Miller provided background on the wind turbine ordinance examples that he previously sent to the commission. Since most examples dealt with county ordinances and cities with larger lots, and due to the fact that urban turbines are not predicted to be cost effective for several years, the commission tabled the item indefinitely.
3. Goodspeed indicated that he was planning on attending the Alliance for Sustainability Conference of Environment Commissions on November 15th in Roseville. Miller will send to him, and copy the commission, a copy of the GreenStep Cities status report.
4. Miller and Montgomery shared the U of MN tree survey data that several professors have been working on. The professors indicated their willingness to attend a future meeting and make a more detailed presentation.
5. At the request of Mayor Lindstrom, a discussion on coal-based tar sealants was placed on the agenda. Lindstrom stated that several cities have banned such sealants, and was interested in what the commission thought. There was consensus that such an action was a good idea, and Miller stated that he would work with the city attorney on drafting an ordinance.
6. The commission decided to cancel the December meeting. The next meeting will be January 9, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.



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