

**City of Falcon Heights  
Environmental Commission Minutes  
April 13, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Hall, Hartman, Montgomery, and Holmes, Council Member Mercer-Taylor, Staff Liaison Moretto

**ABSENT:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Chair Holmes.

**Introductions and Welcome to new Staff Liaison Paul Moretto**

Chair Holmes introduced new Staff Liaison Paul Moretto and the Commission introduced themselves. Staff Liaison Moretto provided a brief update and bio on himself and his experience.

**The minutes of the November 17, 2014 meeting of the Environmental Commission were approved.**

**Climate Change Adaption Planning Presentation by Commissioner Montgomery**

Commissioner Montgomery presented on climate science and a vulnerability study. This was related to urban assessments in regard to climate change. A pilot program in Chicago in association with the US Forest Service was discussed. It was mentioned that the UMN St. Paul Campus has a program coordinator. Commissioner Montgomery explained that this program usually works with governance organizations. The Commission agreed to have Staff Liaison Moretto invite Andy Hovland and, if possible, Leslie Brandt to speak about this issue.

**Car-2-Go**

Staff Liaison Moretto reported that Car-2-Go would no longer be pursuing expansion into Falcon Heights. Any changes would be reported to the Commission.

**Filling Vacant Seats on the Commission**

The Commission discussed the need to fill vacancies on the Commission. Staff Liaison Moretto was instructed to develop ideas to reach out to the community to fill these positions.

**GreenStep 4**

Staff Liaison Moretto highlighted the important topics of the GreenStep 4 information meeting held in March 31<sup>st</sup>. The Commission discussed what role the city could engage in considering limited staff. An approach of watching the process was recommended. Falcon Heights would be an interested observer. It was proposed that the Staff Liaison Moretto go to the June League of Minnesota Cities meeting in Duluth, MN.

**2016 Recycling RFP**

The Commission discussed the process of composing a new RFP for the 2016 Falcon Heights Recycling contract. A number of items were discussed and this topic will be further discussed and explored in future meetings. The Commission directed Staff Liaison Moretto to invite Jean Buckley from Ramsey County to advise the Commission on this matter.

**Information and Announcements:**

No information or announcements were made.

**Community Forum:**

No community forum was held.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Moretto – Staff Liaison