

## Falcon Heights Environment Commission

July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

6:30 p.m.

### Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Chair Miazga, Secretary Olson, Staff Liaison Moretto, and Commissioners: McCleery, Hall, and Meah.

#### 1) Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the June 2017 meeting of the Environmental Commission were approved.

#### 2) News and Announcements

- Commissioner Hall will serve as Vice Chair
- Pollinator habitats have been popping up in front yards; some with signs.
- Mayor Lindstrom has pledge his support for the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. He is part of a group of "Climate Mayors."
- Step 4 of Green Step Cities has been received.
- City Liaison Moretto is meeting with Met Council and SOlsmart on July 11<sup>th</sup> to review solar ordinances.
- Mayor Lindstrom is being interviewed for the City's efforts on community solar gardens, which has won awards.
- Curbside is not a licensed hauler for the city. They have been noticed soliciting services within the City.
- There will be an August recess of the Commission
- July 20<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social Event. Environment Commission will be present.

#### 3) Update- Bee Ordinance

Bee ordinance will hopefully be on July's Council Workshop agenda. This is regarding policies relating to bee-friendly practices, not private hives.

#### 4) Update- Vacant Buildings

Chair Miazga presented the Environmental Commission's position on vacant

properties at the most recent Planning Commission Meeting. In his words, a lot of discussion was generated at the meeting, but more about specific properties than general policy debate. Liaison Moretto will be meeting with the Planning Commission Chair to discuss next steps. There has been some difficulty in defining 'vacancy.' The Environmental Commission will be apprised of any progress.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017