

*City of Falcon Heights  
Environment Commission*

City Hall  
2077 Larpenteur Avenue W.

Monday, January 13, 2020  
6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Wassenberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Members present: Wassenberg, Olson, McCleery, and Seth

Also present: Council Liaison Andrews, Staff Liaison Markon

Members absent: Mathwig and Bucholtz

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 9, 2019

Changes were offered pertaining to the schedule for Environment Corner posts for 2020. **McCleery moved, seconded by Seth to approve revised minutes for December 9, 2019; motion carried.**

D. AGENDA

Markon suggested an item be added to the top of the agenda to elect officers.

1. Election of 2020 Officers
  - i. Upon nomination and a unanimous vote of approval, the following officers were elected for 2020:  
Chair – Jim Wassenberg  
Vice Chair – Nick Olson  
Secretary – Jordyn Bucholtz

2. Finalize 2020 work plan
  - i. Members discussed individual projects, the project lead, and possible timeline, as indicated in the 2020 calendar document.
  - ii. McCleery will plan to lead a bee keeping ordinance for spring 2020 adoption.
  - iii. Mathwig will be lead on the Sustainability Fair, and Wassenberg and Seth will also be on the FHEC subcommittee.
  - iv. Earth Day events were removed from the calendar in favor of participating in other events.
  - v. A raingarden ordinance will wait, possibly until 2021.
  - vi. Seth will take the lead on plastic bag disposal/elimination.
  - vii. Wassenberg added development of Lawns to Legumes program, in partnership with other stakeholders.
  - viii. McCleery added a thermal imagery flight project, to be discussed toward the end of 2020.

#### E. NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Native landscaping update
  - i. Markon shared that through the public comment process, the city has received approximately 50 responses, overwhelmingly positive. The Planning Commission will hold the public hearing on January 28.
2. Resilient Roseville updates
  - i. Wassenberg attended the recent Resilient Roseville meetings, and shared information on their proposed projects for 2020.
3. Upcoming events/meetings
  - i. February 13 - Environmental Commissions gathering - RV library
  - ii. April 18 - 2020 EC conference - Hennepin Ave UMC
  - iii. April 22 - Earth Day - 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

#### F. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.