

City of Falcon Heights Environment Commission

City Hall
2077 Larpenteur Avenue West

Minutes

Monday, September 11, 2023
6:30 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Beth Mercer-Taylor (Chair)	<u>_A_</u>	
John Pellegrini (Vice-Chair)	<u>_X_</u>	Jared Mehlhaff <u>_X_</u>
Emma Kostecki	<u>_A_</u>	Amy Christiansen <u>_X_</u>
Pedro De Filippo Vannucci	<u>_X_</u>	Stephanie Skarolid <u>_X_</u>
Council Liaison Meyer	<u>_X_</u>	
Staff Liaison Lynch	<u>_X_</u>	

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. July 7, 2023

2. August 14, 2023

Commissioner Christiansen made a motion to approve the minutes from July 7, 2023 and August 14, 2023. Minutes were approved by consent.

E. AGENDA

1. Presentation – Ramsey County Climate Change Action, County Commissioner Trista Martinson

County Commissioner Martinson went through a presentation about climate change action and the impacts of climate change in the area. She went through information on how Ramsey County is working on a Climate Action Framework and Plan to outline priorities and set policies to work toward those goals. She also spoke on different recycling and energy programs provided by Ramsey County and the next steps to working on decarbonizing and building equitable climate resistance.

2. Presentation – City of Roseville Climate Action Planning, Noelle Bakken, City of Roseville Sustainability Specialist

Ms. Bakken went through a presentation outlining facts about Roseville, MN and providing an update on the sustainability work being done there. She went through a timeline of their

work as well as the long term goals for sustainability for the future. She also outlined several projects planned for 2023-24 and how Falcon Heights could potentially partner with them on some of these. Finally she spoke on the Partners in Energy program and Climate Action Planning in Roseville.

3. Purple Air – Air Quality Monitors

Tabled to October 9, 2023 meeting.

4. Homegrown National Parks

Staff Liaison Lynch briefly went over the Homegrown National Parks movement. This is an initiative to regenerate biodiversity and ecosystem function by planting native plants and creating new ecological networks. She explained a resident of Falcon Heights has written an article for the September 18, 2023 Nature Newsflash area of the city newsletter.

F. Information and Announcements

- 1. Staff Liaison Report – Staff Liaison Lynch went over the results from the Ice Cream Social voting from residents on the issues that matter to them. In first place was water and air pollution, followed by food and waste management, home energy efficiency, and finally green transportation.*
- 2. Council Liaison Report – None.*

G. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Next regular meeting date: October 9, 2023