



MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 12/1/15
REGULAR
ITEM #: 12
MOTION

AGENDA ITEM: Charter and Roster for the Environmental Committee
SUBMITTED BY: Julie Fliflet
THROUGH: Clark Schroeder
REVIEWED BY: **Julie Johnson**

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Introduction of Item.....Staff
- Report/PresentationStaff
- Questions from Council to Staff..... Mayor Facilitates
- Public Input, if Appropriate..... Mayor Facilitates
- Call for Motion..... Mayor & City Council
- Discussion Mayor & City Council
- Action on Motion Mayor Facilitates

PUBLIC POLICY STATEMENT ADOPTING CHARTER AND ROSTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED:

A committee is being formed that will seek to improve the environment in Lake Elmo. This committee will act as a liaison between the community, regulatory agencies, private businesses, city staff and city council.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council ... take the following action / with the following motion:

“Move to adopt the charter and roster for the environmental committee”

ATTACHMENT(S): *Environmental Committee Charter*



Environmental Committee Operating Policies & Procedures

Scope & Purpose: The committee will seek to improve the environment in Lake Elmo, and will act as a liaison between the community, regulatory agencies, private businesses, city staff, and city council.

Committee Activities:

- A. The committee will advise and make recommendations to the city council on matters pertaining to:
 - storm water run-off and storm water management
 - water quality improvements
 - wetland conservation and management
 - solid waste and recycling
 - air quality
 - ground and drinking water
 - tree preservation
 - energy conservation
 - other environmental issues

- B. The committee will advise and make recommendations to the city council on issues stemming from data released by the following agencies:
 - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) such as Toxic Release Inventory Data
 - Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)
 - Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)
 - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)
 - Other Federal/State agencies addressing environmental issues

- C. The committee seeks to ensure Lake Elmo retains status as a Minnesota Green Step City and Tree City USA.

- D. The committee will publicly recognize residential and business property owners who have demonstrated proactive initiatives to protect the environment and/or save energy.

- E. The committee will sponsor community events having an environmental focus (including those that will satisfy application criteria for a Washington County recycling grant).

Meeting Schedule: The Environmental Committee will meet once per month (day and time TBD).

Committee Composition: Not more than (2) City Council Members along with Lake Elmo Residents who have an interest in environmental issues. Citizen members will serve by appointment of the City Council.

Submitted:

November 18, 2015

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