

Falcon Heights Environment Commission
January 13, 2014
6:30 p.m.

Agenda

- 1) Approval of Minutes for December, 2013
- 2) Discussion: Directions for 2014 - Ideas from December will be prioritized and a plan for the year will be outlined.
- 3) Brainstorming Session: CityLabs Project (see attachment)
- 4) Discussion: Adding insulation to City energy rebate program
- 5) Information and Announcements - Council, Staff, Commissioners

Next Meeting: Monday, February 10, 2014

Deb Jones

From: Bart Fischer
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2014 7:53 PM
To: Kristine Giga; Chelsea Petersen; Deb Jones; Michelle Tesser; Roland Olson; Tim Pittman
Subject: FW: Informing You and Requesting Feedback for CityLabs

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All,

If you could all take a look at the below email from Kelsey Johnson regarding an opportunity with an organization called CityLabs that the 3 cities of St. Anthony, Falcon Heights and Lauderdale have regarding student projects, I would appreciate it. Kelsey is the consulting planner for St Anthony and will be taking a lead role on this application/project. If you all have any ideas regarding possible projects the students might be able to accomplish, I would appreciate you sending them to me by Noon on Wednesday of next week.

Thanks.

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From: Kelsey Johnson [<mailto:kjohnson@wsbeng.com>]
Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2014 3:06 PM
To: Mark Casey
Subject: Informing You and Requesting Feedback for CityLabs

All,

This email is to inform you about an opportunity named CityLabs and to request ideas for inclusion in the proposal submittal staff is currently working on.

What Is CityLabs?

CityLabs is a faculty-driven, yearlong partnership between the Associated Colleges of the Twin Cities (ACTC) (*Augsburg College, Hamline University, Macalester College, St. Catherine University, and University of St. Thomas*) and one partner city (or group of cities) in the Twin Cities metropolitan region. During the academic year, experienced faculty and staff take on projects proposed by the city partner, and integrate them into existing courses. This year-long, in-depth collaboration enables the partner to advance its sustainability initiatives through student-focused academic experiences. <http://citylabsatactc.org/>

What is Our Role in CityLabs?

The 2014-2015 CityLabs Request for Proposals (RFP) has been released and is due by February 14, 2014 and we are submitting a proposal to become the next “city partner” (partnership of St. Anthony Village – Falcon Heights – Lauderdale).

How Does the Partnership Work?

The “city partner” identifies our own greatest needs and priorities related to sustainability, and transforms them into specific project proposals. CityLabs addresses 10-15 projects during the typical partnership year, matching each project with one or more courses to complete the necessary work. Project work is completed primarily by upper-level undergraduate and graduate students, with direct oversight by faculty members, city staff leads, and CityLabs staff. The “city partner” supports the effort through dedicated staff time and a local funding contribution. Kelsey Johnson, the City of St. Anthony Village’s Planner, will be serving as the Project Coordinator for the “city partner”.

What I Need From You:

At this time, I am requesting assistance from each of you to help identify a list of potential projects (looking for 30-40 ideas) that we can include in our proposal. These ideas should relate to sustainability (either environmental, financial, social or a combination of) and should be viewed as an opportunity to accomplish some projects that may be on our “to do” lists but haven’t had the time and/or resources to do it. Get innovative folks!

Please send me a list of your ideas by **Friday, January 31st** to ensure I have enough time to pull everything together for the proposal submittal. Ideas should include a title and 2-3 sentence explanation of the project and how it relates to sustainability.

If you have any questions please call me at 763-287-8521 or email me at kjohnson@wsbeng.com.

Thank you!

Kelsey Johnson, AICP

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