

Falcon Heights Environment Commission
May 9th, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Agenda

- 1) Approval of Minutes
- 2) News and Announcements
- 3) Water Conservation – Mark Miazga
- 4) Regional Indicators Initiative – Council Liaison Lindstrom
- 5) Grants- Updates
- 6) Low Waste Events
- 7) Low Cost Trees
- 8) Forestry and Climate Change
- 9) Public Comments

Next Meeting: Monday, June 13th, 2016

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April 11th, 2016

6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Present: Chair Miazga, Vice Chair Montgomery, Secretary Olson, Staff Liaison Moretto, Council Liaison Mayor Lindstrom, Commissioners Wassenberg and Hall.

1) Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the March 14th, 2016 meeting of the Environmental Commission were approved.

2) News and Announcements

Parks Liaison, Tim Sandvick, wants to make the Falcon Heights Ice Cream Social a low waste event. A handout on low waste event planning was provided to the Commission. There were questions raised on how to define or quantify a low waste event. Commission discussed first focusing on refuse reduction. Liaison Moretto recommended that the Ice Cream Social organizers provide a list of items used during the event to evaluate what could be composted or recycled. This item will be discussed again at future meetings.

3) MPCA Event Sponsorship

Falcon Heights was awarded a \$3,000 grant from the MPCA to host an event for resiliency education and outreach. This event will be co-hosted with the Great Plains Institute by June 2016.

4) EA Grant Update – Letter of Support

Liaison Moretto requested a recommendation from the Commission to the City Council for a letter of support from the Commission to be sent to the MPCA stating it's commitment to sustainability planning. This commitment letter will be used in the application for a \$15,000 grant from MPCA that would go sustainability planning and outreach. See Paul's recent email.

Motion was passed to allow the Chair to craft a letter to be sent to the City Council.

5) Smart Climate Grant- Updates

Application has been submitted and accepted. Evaluation will be made shortly.

6) Sustainable City Award

The Chair has prepared a portion of the award application to be reviewed by the

subcommittee, which was created at the last commission meeting.

7) Solar Garden meeting with CERT - Update

The meeting with Cert was held on April 5th at City Hall. It is estimated that over 40 residents attended. The Commission discussed the event and information provided.

Motion was passed to recommend that the event's success and meeting details should be included in the City's electronic newsletter with links to more information.

The Commission would like to find ways to get resident feedback and encourage those who attended to share the meeting information with their neighbors.

8) Public Comments

Vice Chair Montgomery asked Liaison Moretto if there had been any follow up to the January meeting presentation on urban forest resiliency planning. Moretto said that there has not been available staff time for follow up due to all the recent grant applications. Moretto will follow up and report status at the next Commission meeting

Secretary Olson asked about the City ordinance regarding bees. Olson had heard interest expressed by community members.

Secretary Olson suggested the Commission look into Capitol Region Watershed District grants for the city. A 2016 special grant application was available to cities and businesses in August 2015 and awarded in October 2016. The same timeline might be expected this year

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, May 10th, 2016

May 3, 2016

Dear City Administrator:

It has come to our attention that some cities are again selling trees and/or shrubs to the public. This responsible and proactive practice has a long history and has improved many urban areas. Many of these cities have valid 2016 nursery stock dealer certificates that allow them to legally conduct these sales.

This letter is a reminder that a person (which includes businesses and municipalities) cannot offer for sale, sell or distribute trees, shrubs or perennial plants without first obtaining a 2016 nursery stock certificate.

- If your city buys the plants it sells (the usual case), you need to obtain a nursery stock dealer certificate.
- If your city operates a growing range and offers to sell or conduct plant sales to the public you might require a nursery stock grower certificate.


It is not legal for you to sell nursery stock until you have in your possession a valid 2016 nursery certificate. Per statute the certificate, or copy, must be visible at the sales location for your customers to see. **If a nursery inspector finds your city selling nursery stock without a certificate, a Stop Sales Order will be issued and there is an immediate penalty due equal to the fee owed (\$150 in the case of an uncertified dealer).** A good reason to get an application in quickly if you anticipate any nursery stock sales in 2016.

You may apply for a 2016 nursery certificate online via our website www.mda.state.mn.us. Simply double click on the "APPLY/RENEW A LICENSE" box, select "I need to apply for a NEW license" and scroll down the drop down menu to Nursery Stock Dealer or Nursery Stock Grower Certificate. The cost for a new dealer certificate is \$150. The fee for a nursery stock grower certificate is based on the size of your nursery stock production site. There is a small surcharge assessed by the financial institution that handles the transactions.

You may also apply for a nursery certificate by scrolling down to the bottom of the "I need to apply for a NEW license" box and click on "Forms & Applications web page." Scroll down to Nursery/Greenhouse/Plant and print a hard copy of a Nursery Certificate Application which will allow you to manually complete the form and mail it in with your payment.

If you have any questions about these requirements, the application process or other issues involving the sale of nursery stock do not hesitate to contact me at mark.schreiber@state.mn.us or Steven Shimek, Nursery Inspection Program Coordinator at steven.shimek@state.mn.us or telephone Lorraine Englund, Office Administrative Assistant at 651-201-6507.

Thank you for your timely cooperation in this matter.



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