

Falcon Heights Environment Commission
November 13th, 2017
6:30 p.m.

Agenda

ROLL CALL: Chair Mark Miazga ___ Patricia Holmes ___
Kathryn Hartman ___ Peggy Hall ___
Nick Olson ___ James Wassenberg ___
Martin McCleery ___ Farook Meah ___
Council Liaison Lindstrom ___ Staff Liaison Moretto ___

- 1) Approval of Minutes – July and September 2017
- 2) News and Announcements
- 3) LED Bulbs – Wassenberg
- 4) GreenStep - Moretto
- 5) State Climate Goals – Council Liaison Lindstrom
- 6) Hendrickson Development Update – Moretto
- 7) SCORE Grant – Moretto
- 8) SolSmart Presentation Schedule - Moretto

Next Meeting: December 11th, 2017

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July 10th, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Present: Chair Miazga, Secretary Olson, Staff Liaison Moretto, and Commissioners: McCleery, Hall, and Meah.

1) Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the June 2017 meeting of the Environmental Commission were approved.

2) News and Announcements

- Commissioner Hall will serve as Vice Chair
- Pollinator habitats have been popping up in front yards; some with signs.
- Mayor Lindstrom has pledge his support for the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. He is part of a group of "Climate Mayors."
- Step 4 of Green Step Cities has been received.
- City Liaison Moretto is meeting with Met Council and SOlsmart on July 11th to review solar ordinances.
- Mayor Lindstrom is being interviewed for the City's efforts on community solar gardens, which has won awards.
- Curbside is not a licensed hauler for the city. They have been noticed soliciting services within the City.
- There will be an August recess of the Commission
- July 20th Ice Cream Social Event. Environment Commission will be present.

3) Update- Bee Ordinance

Bee ordinance will hopefully be on July's Council Workshop agenda. This is regarding policies relating to bee-friendly practices, not private hives.

4) Update- Vacant Buildings

Chair Miazga presented the Environmental Commission's position on vacant

properties at the most recent Planning Commission Meeting. In his words, a lot of discussion was generated at the meeting, but more about specific properties than general policy debate. Liaison Moretto will be meeting with the Planning Commission Chair to discuss next steps. There has been some difficulty in defining 'vacancy.' The Environmental Commission will be apprised of any progress.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 11th, 2017

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September 11th, 2017
6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Present: Chair Miazga, Vice Chair Hall, Secretary Olson, Mayor Lindstrom, and Commissioners: McCleery, Wassenberg, and Meah.

1) Approval of Minutes- **Tabled**

2) News and Announcements

- Environment Commissioners Miazga and Hall were present at the July 20th Ice Cream Social Event. They handed out recycling packets and answered questions.
- Chair Miazga will attend the next Planning Commission meeting to be a part of vacant property and noxious weed discussions.
- Mailer was sent out to residents regarding a free hazardous waste collection event.

3) CERTs Watts and Drops Initiative- Alexis Troschinetz

Alexis Troschinetz from CERTs (Clean Energy Resource Team) talked about the Watts and Drops initiative, which devises programs to help encourage action on energy and water savings. CERTs helps Cities work with vendors to get bulk deals on products such as: LED bulbs, smart power strips, faucet aerators, and more. These items are meant to be 'plug and play' so that that it is easy to encourage action.

The Commission moved to create a working group to determine how the City can take advantage of the opportunities Alexis presented. It was recommended to keep this topic on future agendas.

4) Roseville/Falcon Heights Utility Bill Clinic

There will be a utility bill clinic on October 30ths from 2pm to 7pm at the Senior Center in Roseville, hosted by the Citizen Utility Board (CUB). They will help explain bills and renewable energy through one-on-one counseling.

5) Status of Pollinator Resolution

The status of the resolution is unknown.

6) LogoPEP partner cities status-Update

No updates.

7) Resilient Cities

The Mayor sent out an invitation to an event this coming Saturday from 10am to 12pm. Commissioners should check their email.

8) Solar Ordinances-Update

Staff Liaison Moretto did meet in July with Met Council and Solsmart. The Commission recommended updates at the next meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 9th, 2017