

***City of Falcon Heights
Environment Commission***

City Hall
2077 W. Larpenteur Avenue

Monday, July 9, 2018
6:30 p.m.

A G E N D A

- A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.
- B. ROLL CALL: Chair Wassenberg ___ Patricia Holmes ___
 Nick Olson ___ Farook Meah ___
 Martin McCleery ___ Patrick Mathwig ___
 Council Liaison Lindstrom ___ Staff Liaison Moretto ___
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June
- D. NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- E. AGENDA
1. CONTINUE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW – PAUL
- F. ADJOURN

Next Meeting: July 9th, 2018

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REQUEST FOR ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION ACTION

Meeting Date	July 9 th , 2018
Agenda Item	1
Title	2040 Comprehensive Plan Review
Submitted By	Paul Moretto, Community Development Coordinator

Description	Review and develop guidance for the Planning Commission regarding environmental planning. Continued from previous meeting.
Background	<p>A Comprehensive Plan is required of all municipalities with regular updates MNSS 462.355.</p> <p>Met Council Resources: https://stats.metc.state.mn.us/profile/detail.aspx?c=02394738 https://lphonline.metc.state.mn.us/CommPage?ctu=2394738&applicant=Falcon%20Heights</p> <p>Plan elements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land Use Transportation Water Resources Parks and Trails Housing Economic Competitiveness <p>A new section on Resilience will need to be integrated into the new Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>A comprehensive plan is document that sets forth a vision and the goals for the future of the city. State law defines a comprehensive plan as a compilation of policies, goals, standards and maps for guiding the physical, social and economic development, both public and private, of the municipality and its environment. The purpose is to guide future development of land to ensure a safe, pleasant, and economical environment for residential, commercial, industrial, and public activities. The comprehensive plan provides the overall foundation for all land use regulation in a city. State law encourages all cities to prepare and implement a comprehensive municipal plan. In addition, cities within the seven-county metro area are required to adopt comprehensive plans. Under state law, a city planning commission or department is tasked with the creation of the city’s comprehensive plan.</p> <p>Planning is a professional field that encompasses a broad array of skills and techniques. In developing comprehensive plans, many cities use educated, certified land use professionals. But at its core, planning is a relatively straightforward three-step process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First, a community takes stock of where it is today. • Second, the community generates a shared vision and goals for what the city will be like in the future.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third, but certainly not least, the city develops a set of specific strategies to achieve that vision over time. <p>There are many reasons cities create and adopt comprehensive plans. The planning process helps communities identify issues before they arise, stay ahead of trends in land use development and redevelopment, and anticipate and navigate change in populations and land use patterns.</p> <p>A comprehensive plan also protects and makes the most out of public investment by ensuring that development coincides with investments in infrastructure. A comprehensive plan protects and promotes the value of private property. Finally, a comprehensive plan provides legal justification for a community’s land-use decisions and ordinances.</p> <p>Most comprehensive plans include a variety of maps, including a land use plan map that indicates how the plan guides the future land use in different areas of the community.</p> <p>State law provides certain processes that cities must follow for comprehensive plan adoption and amendment. Prior to adoption of a comprehensive plan, the planning commission must hold at least one public hearing. A notice of the time, place, and purpose of the hearing must be published once in the official newspaper of the municipality, and at least 10 days before the day of the hearing. Unless otherwise provided in a city charter, the city council may, by resolution by a two-thirds vote of all of its members, adopt and amend the comprehensive plan or a portion of the plan. This means that on a five-member council, the comprehensive plan must receive at least four affirmative votes.</p>
Analysis	Falcon Heights is required to update its Comprehensive Plan every ten years. The city is currently in the early stages of this process. Staff is currently in the process of reviewing the draft plan. This meeting is to introduce the Comprehensive Plan and to provide feedback on issues important to this commission.
Budget Impact	None
Attachment(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2030 Plan • Draft 2040 Plans • These plans are available at: https://www.falconheights.org/index.asp?SEC=F4530412-2784-4FB2-A6D8-1958B8F37EEF&Type=B_BASIC
Actions Requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide feedback to the Planning Commission regarding sustainability and resiliency in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

