

Falcon Heights Environment Commission

March 12th, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Present: Chair Wassenberg, Vice Chair Meah, Secretary Olson, Liaison Moretto, Mayor Lindstrom, and Commissioners: McCleery, and Holmes.

1) Approval of Minutes- January 2018

2) News and Announcements

- Patti Holmes attended an “Electric Vehicle Preparation” workshop led by the Great Plains Institute. 24 of 26 invited cities attended. Falcon Heights will be paired with another city to continue the work. Funding may be possible from Volkswagen.
- Paul Moretto sent out a link to a City Pages article that discussed the solar garden at the City of Falcon Heights.
- This Wednesday, local government and school district officials will be meeting at City Hall to discuss purchasing more solar power.

3) LED Bulbs -Moretto

Recent giveaway of light bulbs at City Hall was successful (another 66 bulbs given out). Of the original purchase, only 279 bulbs remain. There will be upcoming opportunities to reach more people at the Kids Stuff Sale in April and the Sustainable Actions Fair.

4) Spring Event- Holmes

Patti Holmes provided the Commission updates on the upcoming Sustainable Actions Fair. Fair information was added to the City Newsletter and The Bugle. At the April meeting Patti will discuss volunteer opportunities. Paul, Patti, and James will meet to further discuss logistics.

5) SolSmart Update

A Met Council consultant has helped with the checklist and fee schedule for solar installations. The City Council is reviewing. This checklist and fee schedule should help some of the red tape for permits.

6) Recycling End of Year Report

The Commission reviewed the end of year report provided by Tennis. Things of note:

- Low % of contaminated material!
- 97% participation!

A lot of discussion was generated about how much commercial properties are recycling, and what applicable codes/laws apply to business. Mayor Lindstrom said that he would investigate further, but thought that MPCA commercial recycling law might apply.

7) City-wide Newsletter

Coming out soon.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 9th, 2018