

City of Falcon Heights Environment Commission

City Hall
2077 Larpenteur Avenue W.

Monday, February 10, 2020
6:30 p.m.

A G E N D A

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL: Jim Wassenberg ____ Nick Olson ____
 Martin McCleery ____ Patrick Mathwig ____
 Jordyn Bucholtz ____ Esha Seth ____
 VACANT
 Council Liaison Andrews ____ Staff Liaison Markon ____

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 13, 2020

D. AGENDA

1. Update on Youth Commissioners
2. Update on Home Energy Squad

E. NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Native landscaping update
2. Upcoming events/meetings
 - February 13 - Environmental Commissions gathering - RV library
 - March 21 - Breakfast with the Council
 - April 18 - 2020 EC conference - Hennepin Ave UMC

F. ADJOURN

Next Meeting: March 9, 2020

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MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Wassenberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Members present: Wassenberg, Olson, McCleery, and Seth

Also present: Council Liaison Andrews, Staff Liaison Markon

Members absent: Mathwig and Bucholtz

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 9, 2019

Changes were offered pertaining to the schedule for Environment Corner posts for 2020. **McCleery moved, seconded by Seth to approved revised minutes for December 9, 2019; motion carried.**

D. AGENDA

Markon suggested an item be added to the top of the agenda to elect officers.

1. Election of 2020 Officers
 - i. Upon nomination and a unanimous vote of approval, the following officers were elected for 2020:
Chair – Jim Wassenberg
Vice Chair – Nick Olson
Secretary – Jordyn Bucholtz

2. Finalize 2020 work plan
 - i. Members discussed individual projects, the project lead, and possible timeline, as indicated in the 2020 calendar document.
 - ii. McCleery will plan to lead a bee keeping ordinance for spring 2020 adoption.
 - iii. Mathwig will be lead on the Sustainability Fair, and Wassenberg and Seth will also be on the FHEC subcommittee.
 - iv. Earth Day events were removed from the calendar in favor of participating in other events.
 - v. A raingarden ordinance will wait, possibly until 2021.
 - vi. Seth will take the lead on plastic bag disposal/elimination.
 - vii. Wassenberg added development of Lawns to Legumes program, in partnership with other stakeholders.
 - viii. McCleery added a thermal imagery flight project, to be discussed toward the end of 2020.

E. NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Native landscaping update
 - i. Markon shared that through the public comment process, the city has received approximately 50 responses, overwhelmingly positive. The Planning Commission will hold the public hearing on January 28.
2. Resilient Roseville updates
 - i. Wassenberg attended the recent Resilient Roseville meetings, and shared information on their proposed projects for 2020.
3. Upcoming events/meetings
 - i. February 13 - Environmental Commissions gathering - RV library
 - ii. April 18 - 2020 EC conference - Hennepin Ave UMC
 - iii. April 22 - Earth Day - 50th anniversary!

F. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

2020 FHEC Calendar and Projects List

January 13
Jan 28: Landscaping Public Hearing with Planning Commission Justin: EC Corner: Food scraps and composting
February 10
Feb 12: City council review/approval of landscaping ordinance Feb 13: East Metro Environment Commission gathering 6:30-8:30 Roseville Library Jim and Justin: Identify Youth Commissioner Nick: EC Corner: Use of Ice Melting Salt Patrick: EC Corner: Home Energy Audit and discount opportunity
March 9
Jim: EC Corner: Workplace Recycling
April 13
April 18: Environmental Commission Conference Hennepin UMC Nick: EC Corner: Native Landscaping
May 11
Marty: EC Corner: Rainfall and Stormwater
June 8
June 6: City wide cleanup at fairgrounds Esha: EC Corner: Bicycling
July 13
TBD: EC Corner: Raingardens Esha: EC Corner: Summer energy efficiency
August 10
Jim: EC Corner: EVs and Hybrids
September 14
Sept 12: Sustainability Fair. Silverwood Park
October 12
November 9
Esha: EC Corner: Winter efficiency
December 14

Project	Lead	Update
Implement a bee keeping ordinance via City Council	Marty	Draft March, Workshop April, Final in April. Permitting? "Farm animal"?
Draft a Planned Urban Development ordinance to encourage developers to implement positive measures in their developments when requesting City funds.	Nick	Part of GreenStep Cities program too
Hold a Sustainability fair in 2020, possibly in cooperation with Roseville and St Anthony CFS groups	Patrick – Lead Jim and Esha also on subcomm	September 12, 2020 Resilient Roseville will participate. Point of contact is Sherry Hood. 651 633 1434 sherryhood@icloud.com
Develop guidelines and resources for landscaping that is native/pollinator friendly/storm water wise.	Nick	Draft Out for Public Comment (12/09/19)
Sustain outreach to other Environmental Commissions in the Twin Cities	Jim	Plan to attend a Roseville and a St. Anthony CFS meeting in Q1 2020.
Follow up on opportunities for funding for an EV charging station in FH through the MPCA	Jim	Phase 2 funding plan comment period closes Dec 20, 2019. \$3.5M additional planned for EV charging stations in 2020-2023. Including 52 Level II stations. Need to review previous application requirements to be ready when RFPs are opened.
Improve communication to FH residents with a EC "corner" in the City Newsletter and twice monthly online mailer 250 words for a topic on EC corner	Jordyn	
Add a Youth Commissioner to the FHEC.	Jim	
Obtain funding and finance Home Energy Audits for FH Residents and Businesses	Patrick	
Raingarden ordinance		Wait until 2021
Plastic Bag disposal and Elimination in FH	Esha	
Getting a GreenCorp volunteer for the city		
Lawns to Legumes workshop	Jim	
Infrared imagery	Marty	By end of year