

*City of Falcon Heights  
Environment Commission*

City Hall  
2077 Larpenteur Avenue W.

Monday, November 9, 2020  
6:30 p.m.

A G E N D A

Note: This meeting will be held by web conference.\*

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

B. ROLL CALL: Jim Wassenberg \_\_\_\_ Nick Olson \_\_\_\_  
Martin McCleery \_\_\_\_ Patrick Mathwig \_\_\_\_  
Jordyn Bucholtz \_\_\_\_ Esha Seth \_\_\_\_  
Pedro De Filippo Vannucci \_\_\_\_  
Council Liaison Andrews \_\_\_\_ Staff Liaison Krzos \_\_\_\_

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 15, 2020, October 12, 2020

D. AGENDA

1. Discuss 2021 Work Plan
2. Discuss EV charging stations
3. Discuss EC corner

E. NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

F. ADJOURN

Next Meeting: December 14, 2020

\* To view the virtual meeting, visit this <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89084604547>. You can also listen to the meeting by calling 312-626-6799 and enter the Webinar ID 842 7764 9461.

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Online

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Wassenberg called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Members present: Bucholtz, De Filippo Vannucci, Seth, Mathwig, Wassenberg, and Olson

Also present: Council Liaison Andrews, Staff Liaison Markon

Members absent: McCleery

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 10, 2020

Bucholtz moved, seconded by Mathwig to approve minutes for August 10, 2020.

D. AGENDA

a. Discuss beekeeping ordinance

- i. The ordinance was brought to the Planning Commission in late August and the Council Workshop in September.
- ii. Changes made to the ordinance during this meeting include:
  1. Addition of a definition for sources of water
  2. Moving the definition for flyaway barrier to the definition section
  3. Keeping requirement about fences for side of yards
  4. The City will inform adjacent property owners of a neighboring hive and neighbors will have right to send allergy information
- iii. Motion to approve beekeeping ordinance by Wassenberg, seconded by Seth. Motion carries.

b. Discuss EV charging stations

- i. Wassenberg introduced the potential sites he has identified and announced that he drafted a letter to property owners to gauge interest.
- ii. The Commission members discussed possible sites at: Hendrickson, Good Acre, Falcon Crossing, Egg Roll Queen, Warners' Stellian.
- iii. The criteria by which these sites will be evaluated include public area, parking available, near a destination more than 10 miles from one's home, place to spend 30+ minutes.
- iv. The Commission noted that they will need to consider who will bear the cost of electricity need to power the charging stations.

E. NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Ryan Krzos from WSP introduced himself as the interim community development coordinator.

F. ADJOURN

- a. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:11 p.m.

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Online

Monday, October 12, 2020

6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Wassenberg called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Members present: Bucholtz, McCleery, Mathwig, Wassenberg, and Olson

Also present: Council Liaison Andrews, Staff Liaison Krzos

Members absent: De Filippo Vannucci, Seth

C. AGENDA

- a. Discuss edible landscaping ordinance
  - i. Commissioner Wassenberg explained the concept behind the changes to the edible landscaping ordinance.
  - ii. Motion to approve ordinance by Olson, seconded by Bucholtz.
  - iii. The ordinance will make a pass through the Oct 27 meeting of Planning Commission before it goes to Council.
- b. Discuss EV charging stations
  - i. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has not posted the open request for proposals for level two charging stations yet. Commissioner Wassenberg will keep an eye open for when this is posted.
  - ii. Commissioner Wassenberg will research previous proposals to understand the dynamics of what funding is required beyond the grant and if free stations or open stations are preferred.
- c. Discuss Environment Corner (EC)
  - i. Commissioner Seth will give an update next month regarding the status of the EC.

D. NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Bee ordinance will be going to Council on Wednesday, October 14 for final approval.
- b. The September 12, 2020 minutes will be approved at the November meeting.
- c. November's meeting will consist of planning accomplishments for next year.

E. ADJOURN

- a. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:23 p.m.

## 2020 FHEC Calendar and Projects List

<b>January 11</b>
EC Corner: Food scraps and composting
<b>February 8</b>
Feb: East Metro Environment Commission gathering 6:30-8:30 <b>Jim and Justin:</b> Identify Youth Commissioner <b>Nick:</b> EC Corner: Use of Ice Melting Salt <b>Patrick:</b> EC Corner: Home Energy Audit and discount opportunity
<b>March 8</b>
<b>Jim:</b> EC Corner: Workplace Recycling
<b>April 12</b>
April: Environmental Commission Conference Hennepin UMC <b>Nick:</b> EC Corner: Native Landscaping
<b>May 10</b>
<b>Marty:</b> EC Corner: Rainfall and Stormwater
<b>June 14</b>
June: City wide cleanup at fairgrounds <b>Esha:</b> EC Corner: Bicycling
<b>July 12</b>
TBD: EC Corner: Raingardens <b>Esha:</b> EC Corner: Summer energy efficiency
<b>August 9</b>
<b>Jim:</b> EC Corner: EVs and Hybrids
<b>September 13</b>
Sept: Sustainability Fair. Silverwood Park
<b>October 11</b>
<b>November 15</b>
<b>Esha:</b> EC Corner: Winter efficiency
<b>December 13</b>

<b>Project</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Update</b>
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). Approved by City Council on 02/12/2020.
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