

City of Falcon Heights Environment Commission

City Hall
2077 Larpenteur Avenue West

AGENDA

Monday, February 13, 2023
6:30 p.m.

- A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.
- B. ROLL CALL: Beth Mercer-Taylor ____
Martin McCleery ____ John Pellegrini ____
Emma Kostecki ____ Amy Christiansen ____
Pedro De Filippo Vannucci ____ VACANT
- Council Liaison Meyer ____
Staff Liaison Lynch ____
- A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
1. November 11, 2022
- C. NEW BUSINESS
1. 2023 Officer Nominations
 2. 2023 Schedule & Priorities
 3. Guest Speaker - Guido Wallraven
- D. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
1. Staff Liaison Report
 2. Council Liaison Report
- E. ADJOURN

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Next regular meeting date: March 13, 2023

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Monday, November 14, 2022
6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

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

B. ROLL CALL:

Martin McCleery ____	Beth Mercer-Taylor __X__
Esha Seth __A__	Pedro De Filippo Vannucci_X
John Pellegrini __X__	Amy Christiansen __X__
Emma KostECKi __X__	
Council Liaison Meyer __A__	Staff Liaison VACANT ____

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Linehan __X__

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. October 10, 2022

- Motion by Pellegrini to approve
- 1. 5-0, motion approved.

D. AGENDA

1. Climate Emergency Resolution Approval

Administrator Linehan presented the latest version of the Climate Emergency Resolution, which incorporated Chair Mercer-Taylor's notes. Mercer-Taylor provided background on the changes she made to the resolution.

The commission discussed what a potential climate action plan (CAP) would look like. Mercer-Taylor mentioned that resiliency is an important component of developing a climate action plan. It was mentioned that the University of Minnesota is currently working on an update to their CAP, and that the City should partner with the University of Minnesota.

A question arose regarding whether the plan would be done in-house or with the assistance of a consultant. Linehan mentioned that funding would be an issue, as money was not included in the City's 2023 budget for a consultant. Linehan mentioned that the MPCA has a grant for communities under 10,000 population to help them develop climate resiliency plans and improvements.

Motion by Mercer-Taylor to approve.

1. 5-0, motion approved

2. Ruggles Pathway Update

Administrator Linehan had this as a reoccurring item from the October meeting, but there was not much to update.

E. NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Other

Chair Mercer-Taylor invited the group to participate in an upcoming climate action planning workshop at the University of Minnesota. The event was on Tuesday, November 15th from 4-5:30 p.m. in Moos Hall, room 451.

Commissioner De Filippo Vannucci stated he was planning to attend the CAP workshop. Commissioner Kostecki mentioned that she also was going to try to attend.

F. ADJOURN

1. Motion by Pellegrini to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

• 5-0, motion approved.

Next Meeting: December 12, 2022

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ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

Meeting Date	February 13, 2023
Agenda Item	C-1
Attachment	N/A
Submitted By	Hannah Lynch, Community Development Coordinator / Planner

Item	2023 Environment Commission Officer Nominations
Description	<p>City of Falcon Heights, City Code - Section 2-115 (e)</p> <p><i>(e.) Chairperson; officers. Each commission shall elect a chairperson from among its appointed members for a term of one year. The commissions may create and fill such other offices as determined necessary.</i></p>
Budget Impact	None
Attachment(s)	None
Action(s) Requested	Staff recommends nominating and electing officers for 2023.

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ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

Meeting Date	February 13, 2023
Agenda Item	C-2
Attachment	See notes below.
Submitted By	Hannah Lynch, Community Development Coordinator / Planner

Item	2023 Environment Commission Schedule & Priorities
Description	<p>Schedule - A review of all regularly scheduled Environment Commission meetings for 2023.</p> <p>Priorities - Upon review of past years' January meetings, it is customary to list priorities for the commission to review over the year. Included is a list of 2022 priorities discussed in February and a calendar and project list of priorities from 2020. A thorough search of files did not locate a list for 2021.</p>
Budget Impact	None.
Attachment(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2023 Environment Commission Schedule 2. 2022 Priorities 3. 2020 Calendar and Projects List
Action(s) Requested	Staff recommends reviewing schedule for 2023 meetings and discussing priorities for the year.

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2023 Schedule *(2nd Monday of each month)*

January 9	Cancelled
February 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Officer Nominations• 2023 Schedule & Priorities• Guest Speaker - Guido Wallraven
March 13	
April 10	
May 8	
June 12	
July 10	
August 14	
September 11	
October 9	
November 13	
December 11	

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Monday, September 12, 2021
6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

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

B. ROLL CALL:

Members present: Mathwig, Vannucci, Pellegrini, Christiansen

Also present: Council Liaison Meyer, Staff Liaison Moretto

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 12, 2021

Moved, seconded to approve revised minutes for September 12, 2021; motion carried.

D. AGENDA

1. 2022 Priorities

- i. Identified some priorities for the commission. Will need to circle back with a core plan.
- ii. Recruit more members to the commission
- iii. Use technology like Google Docs to increase collaboration
- iv. Work on Recycling Contract
- v. Try to get someone from Ramsey County to talk on Recycling
- vi. Possible Single Trash Hauler Discussion

2. Partner with UMN

- i. Look to find projects from UMN
- ii. Recruit commission members from UMN
- iii. Find ways to identify resources from the university that are readily available.

3. Climate Emergency Declaration

- i. Work with the Chair and Council Liaison to work through details
- ii. Bring back to the commission to discuss and establish a deadline
- iii. Bring examples of the Plan to the commission for consideration
(Saint Louis Park)

E. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

2020 FHEC Calendar and Projects List

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

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). 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

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ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

Meeting Date	February 13, 2023
Agenda Item	C-3
Attachment	None.
Submitted By	Beth Mercer-Taylor, Chair

Item	Guest Speaker - Guido Wallraven
Description	<p>Guido Wallraven is a technical consultant to the energy transition and sustainability planning that is underway in German cities, and a friend and colleague to Beth Mercer-Taylor.</p> <p>From the University of Minnesota website: Guido Wallraven has served as technical director for the City of Saerbeck since 2009. He is in charge of implementing about 150 individual initiatives that promote and implement local climate protection. Wallraven has worked on municipal climate protection issues for over 15 years. Together with local stakeholders, he develops plans for adapting to climate change. He serves as a consultant to municipalities and cities on local measures that support sustainability. He also manages the implementation of large and small projects that focus on renewable energies, energy use reduction, energy efficiency, climate-friendly transportation, and community education. Wallraven (pronounced "VAL-raav-n") holds an engineering degree in architecture with a specialization on city planning. He owns the city planning consultancy Stadt-Land-Fluss-Büro für Städtebau und Umweltplanung. The office focuses on energy-efficient city planning, sustainable city development, the use of solar energy in cities, and sustainable master planning. He has taught at Siegen University and frequently speaks at public forums as an expert architect affiliated with the Chamber of Architects in North-Rhine Westphalia.</p> <p>http://environment.umn.edu/staff/guido-wallraven/</p>
Budget Impact	None.
Attachment(s)	None
Action(s) Requested	None.

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