

City of Falcon Heights Environment Commission

City Hall
2077 Larpenteur Avenue West

Minutes

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

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

B. ROLL CALL: Beth Mercer-Taylor (Chair) _X_
 Martin McCleery _A_ John Pellegrini _X_
 Emma Kostecki _X_ Amy Christiansen _A_
 Pedro De Filippo Vannucci _A_ VACANT

 Council Liaison Meyer _X_
 Staff Liaison Lynch _X_

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. November 11, 2022

Motion by Kostecki to approve, seconded by Pellegrini. A vote was taken and all were in favor.

E. AGENDA

1. 2023 Officer Nominations

Staff Liaison Lynch advised the Commission it is their duty to nominate and elect officers at the first meeting of the year. She recommended electing a Chair, and potentially a Vice-Chair and Secretary.

Staff Liaison Lynch volunteered to be Secretary and take minutes for the meetings. Commissioner Mercer-Taylor volunteered to be Chair, Commissioner Pellegrini volunteered as Vice-Chair. Kostecki made a motion to accept the nominations as stated, seconded by Mercer-Taylor. A vote was taken and all were in favor.

2. 2023 Schedule & Priorities

Staff Liaison Lynch advised the Commission to look at the schedule for 2023 and set some priorities for agenda topics. The Commission discussed and the following list of priorities was proposed:

- *Climate Action Plan / Public Engagement / Funding*
- *Business Recycling / Sustainable Packaging*
- *Public Engagement during existing Falcon Heights events such as the Ice Cream Social and the Spring Forward event*
- *Including Environment Commission updates in the newsletter*
- *Liaise with other environment groups in the area*
- *Single-Hauler Trash*
- *Electric Vehicles*

3. Guest Speaker – Guido Wallraven

Commissioner Mercer-Taylor introduced Mr. Wallraven as a colleague and friend who is a technical consultant to the energy transition and sustainability planning that is underway in German cities.

Mr. Wallraven shared a video of his work at Saerbeck, Germany and a presentation of the methods involved to create a sustainable city. He emphasized community engagement as a major step in the process, and ensuring that citizens are educated in a way that allows them to be involved. He spoke about the many jobs that have been created in Saerbeck as the result of this process and the many projects which have been completed as a result of the effort.

F. Information and Announcements

1. *Staff Liaison Report – None*
2. *Council Liaison Report – None*

G. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Next regular meeting date: March 13, 2022