

City of Falcon Heights Environment Commission

City Hall
2077 Larpenteur Avenue West

Minutes

Monday, July 10, 2023
6:30 p.m.

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

B. ROLL CALL:

Beth Mercer-Taylor (Chair) <u>_A_</u>	
John Pellegrini (Vice-Chair) <u>_X_</u>	Jared Mehlhaff <u>_X_</u>
Emma Kostecki <u>_A_</u>	Amy Christiansen <u>_X_</u>
Pedro De Filippo Vannucci <u>_X_</u>	Stephanie Skarolid <u>_X_</u>
Council Liaison Meyer <u>_A_</u>	
Staff Liaison Lynch <u>_X_</u>	

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. May 8, 2023

Commissioner Mehlhaff made a motion to approve the minutes from May 8, 2023. Minutes were approved by consent.

E. AGENDA

1. Added Item – Newsletter, Environment Commission Corner

Vice-Chair Pellegrini added a discussion about the city's newsletter to the agenda. The Commission discussed having a weekly or bi-weekly section about the Environment Commission and different topics to write articles about. Several ideas for topics were presented, including articles adopt-a-drain, invasive plants, native landscaping, chickens, lawns to legumes, cost of gas vs. electric, and the Stop Food Waste Challenge.

2. Stop Food Waste Challenge

Staff Liaison Lynch presented information about the Stop Food Waste Challenge which is a challenge for the month of August which is looking for partners to promote it to citizens. The challenge is being presented by Hennepin County, Ramsey County, and Washington County, and offers a number of different action items for residents to take to make them more aware of food waste. A motion was made by Vice-Chair Pellegrini for Staff Liaison Lynch to

sign up the City of Falcon Heights Environment Commission as a partner. Motion was carried by consent.

3. Ice Cream Social

Staff Liaison Lynch reminded the Environment Commission of the upcoming Ice Cream Social on July 20, 2023 from 5-7 PM. The Commission discussed what to include at the table for the Resource Fair at the event. Previously it was discussed to have information on electric vehicles. After much discussion from the Commission, it was decided to have four categories for citizens to pick from to tell the Commission where their interests are. The categories will be home energy efficiency, transportation, water/air pollution, and food and waste management. The outcome of this will help focus efforts of the Commission moving forward.

F. Information and Announcements

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

G. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Next regular meeting date: August 14, 2022