



SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AGENDA

Thursday, March 19, 2015

6:30 p.m.

Coon Rapids City Center

Conference Room 3

Call to Order

Roll Call

Adopt Agenda

AI-2643 Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)

Old Business

0. AI-2644 Sustainability Report
1. AI-2645 Green Expo update

New Business

Other Business

Adjourn



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Meeting Date: 03/19/2015

SUBJECT:

Attachments

02/19/2015

COON RAPIDS SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2014

The February 19, 2015 meeting of the Sustainability Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Stacey Demmer at the Coon Rapids City Hall.

Sustainability Members Present: Stacey Demmer, Chris Backes, , Rebecca Holmlund, , Steven Pedersen, Bob Krahn, Marcia Baudino

Members Absent: Ed Dedman, Christy Lamoreaux

Staff Present: Colleen Sinclair

1. ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION BY BOB KRAHN, SECONDED BY MARCIA BAUDINO, TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY BOB KRAHN, SECONDED BY MARCIA BAUDINO, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 20 SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. SUSTAINABILITY REPORTS

DRAFTS WERE SUBMITTED FOR THREE OF THE TOPICS, THEY WILL BE REVIEWED. OPTIONS WERE DISCUSSED ON TOPICS THAT WERE MORE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN DATA. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WILL HELP THOSE TOPICS.

4. ZERO WASTE GATHERINGS

THE COMMISSION DISCUSSED HOW TO PROMOTE "GREEN GATHERINGS" TO THE RESIDENTS. CITY STAFF PRESENTED OPTIONS THAT OTHER CITIES OR ORGANIZATIONS HAVE DONE. A TIP SHEET ON HOW TO PLAN GREEN GATHERINGS SUCH AS GRADUATION PARTIES WILL BE POSTED IN THE APRIL NEWSLETTER, AND WILL ALSO BE REPRESENTED DURING THE GREEN EXPO WITH A DISPLAY AND TIPS SHEETS FOR THE RESIDENTS TO TAKE. CONTAINER RENTAL INFORMATION WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED TO BETTER COLLECT RECYCLING AND ORGANIC FOOD WASTE AT THESE EVENTS.

5. STAFF UPDATE

NATIVE PLANTS/WEEDS-DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE TOPIC OF WEEDS VS NATIVE GRASSES AND PLANTS AND IF/HOW THE CITY WOULD CREATE POLICIES TO ALLOW FOR THIS TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION. STAFF HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO RESEARCH THE MN GREENSTEP PROGRAM TO CHECK INTO WHAT OTHER CITIES ARE DOING IN THE AREA. A REPORT ON FINDINGS WILL BE PROVIDED.

GREENCORP MEMBER PROGRAM- STAFF PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH THE STATISTICS OF WHICH ORGANIZATIONS WERE GRANTED A GREENCORP MEMBER. FURTHER RESEARCH WILL BE DONE TO DETERMINE IF THE CITY APPLIES AGAIN FOR A MEMBER THIS SUMMER.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

GREEN EXPO UPDATE: STAFF UPDATE WAS GIVEN ON THE CURRENT PLANNING OF THE EXPO. PLANS ARE COMING ALONG WELL AND APPLICANTS ARE COMING IN STRONG. SPEAKERS WILL NOT BE AT THE EXPO THIS YEAR, BUT WILL PROVIDED AT A FUTURE DATE AND TIME AND WILL BE PROMOTED TO BOTH BLAINE AND COONRAPIDS RESIDENTS. NATURAL HEALTHCARE OPTIONS SUCH AS ACCUPUNCTURE, OILS, CHIROPRACTIC, LESS

INVASIVE HEALTHCARE OPTIONS WILL BE ADDED TO THE EXPO THIS YEAR. THE SPORTS SWAP HAS BEEN RENAMED TO GEAR GRAB AND RELOCATED TO THE MAINLEVEL OF THE EVENT TO HELP PROMOTE IT AND LESSON CONFUSION ABOUT HAVING TO DONATE ITEMS TO TAKE ITEMS.

ST PAUL SAINT SUSTAINABLE BASEBALL FIELD TOURS WILL BE OFFERED TO THE COMMISSION MEMBERS. IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN SIGNING UP PLEASE LET STAFF KNOW. TOUR TAKES PLACE ON APRIL 7TH 2015.

8. ADJOURN

MOTION BY STEVE PEDERSEN, SECONDED BY CHRIS BACKES, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:30 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted
Colleen Sinclair, Staff Liaison



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Subject: Sustainability Report

From: Colleen Sinclair, Recycling Coordinator

INFORMATION:

Members will submit and review drafts forms of each topic. Baseline data or updates that are relevant to the specific topic.



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Meeting Date: 03/19/2015

Subject: Green Expo update

From: Colleen Sinclair, Recycling Coordinator

INFORMATION:

Staff update will be given on this event
