



## **SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AGENDA**

**Thursday, June 16, 2016**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Coon Rapids City Center**

**Conference Room 3**

---

### **Call to Order**

### **Roll Call**

### **Adopt Agenda**

AI-3664 Minutes

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

0. AI-3665 Business Awards

1. AI-3666 Purchasing

### **Other Business**

### **Adjourn**



**Sustainability Commission - Regular**

**Meeting Date:** 06/16/2016

**SUBJECT:** Minutes

---

---

**Attachments**

05/19/2016

---

Minutes of the Sustainability Commission Meeting

May 19, 2016

Page 1

COON RAPIDS SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 19, 2016

The May 19, 2016 meeting of the Sustainability Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Members Present: Rebecca Holmlund, Ed Dedman, Christy Lamoreaux, Tim Lockrem, Stacey Demer and Bob Krahn

Members Absent: Steve Pedersen, Chris Backes and Marcia Baudino

Staff Present: Colleen Sinclair and Amanda Bednar

Others Present: None

1. ACCEPT AGENDA

---

One addition to the agenda regarding an update for the City Irrigation Project. Motioned by Ed Dedman to approve addition and agenda, seconded by Christy Lamoreaux. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes

---

Motion by Tim Lockrem, seconded by Ed Dedman to approve minutes of the March 17, 2016 Sustainability Commission meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Chicken/Native Planting Update

---

Staff provided an update to both the chicken and native planting ordinances that Commission members have been involved with. Both ordinances were approved by City Council on May 2, 2016 and will go into effect Monday, May 23, 2016. There will be a one-time permit fee for keeping chickens which has yet to be decided by Council. Impounding chickens at large was added into the City's animal control contract. Other information will be available online and at City Hall starting Monday, May 23rd to accommodate those interested in either topic. City staff has started training on identifying native plants to ensure enforcement is done properly. Staff will continue to utilize resources for education and more specialized training is planned.

4. Irrigation Update

---

As part of a grant awarded by Coon Creek Watershed District, the City is giving away irrigation sensors to selected households for a pilot program related to water conservation. The pilot program was posted on the City website and applicants have been selected and notified. The households selected represent a wide variety of household types and will provide great information about water conservation practices. The irrigation sensors will be installed by Best Irrigation before June 1<sup>st</sup>. Staff will begin to track water usage, monitor changes and share information with residents during the summer months if possible.

This project will be helpful for starting work on water conservation, educating residents and providing data to track results.

#### 5. Green Expo Recap

---

The Green Expo was held a month ago and Commission members discussed the event and feedback received via survey or throughout the day. Overall feelings were positive about the event especially given limited space this year. Staff has met with Expo partners to discuss plans for next year including a larger space, more vendors, larger involvement from other partners and other new attractions. Both the City of Blaine and National Sports Center plan to include more information about their sustainable practices for next year. Due to more space available for next year, the Commission discussed the possibility of adding in speakers or demonstrations for short time periods to add an interactive piece to the event. Topics could be wide ranging and include hands on activities, demonstrations, presentations or other methods to spark conversations with those attending the event. More space will also allow for more vendors in 2017.

Commission members will also work to gather ideas for next year regarding new vendors, topics and ideas to add to the Expo. The group discussed attending other events over the summer specifically the Eco Experience at the MN State Fair which often has large displays that would be beneficial for our Green Expo. Commission members would also like native plants and chickens included more next year as they were not approved by Council before the 2016 Expo. Staff is working to finalize the budget and invoices from this year. Once finalized, there may be funding available for banners or signs to be reused at the Expo in the future.

#### 6. Summer in the City Meetings

---

Again this summer, Commission members will work at the Summer in the City Neighborhood Meetings to educate residents about sustainability and recycling programs. Staff will provide necessary materials for each park meeting. The tentative schedule is as follows, Colleen and Amanda will also fill in as needed.

Tuesday, June 14 Thorpe Park, 2691 Carlson Drive: Christy and Bob

Tuesday, July 12 Sunrise Pond Park, 125 124th Lane: Ed and Tim

Tuesday, July 26 Vineyards Park, 11947 Vintage Street: Stacey

Tuesday, August 23 Kennedy Park, 8490 East River Road: Rebecca and Steve

#### 7. Project List

---

Staff and Commission members currently do not have any items on upcoming Council agendas. Staff briefly explained possible city clean up events that the Community Development Department is working on. Staff will provide input as directed if this topic is moved forward. The goal is to address homes with large, hard to dispose items and also provide service to residents of Coon Rapids. More to come on this topic.

Minutes of the Sustainability Commission Meeting

May 19, 2016

Page 3

The next meeting will hopefully include information from the City's Utilities Supervisor, Kory Jorgensen on water use and conservation in Coon Rapids. Additionally Commission members will again begin working on updating the Sustainability Report. This will include changes from the previous report, any areas that need improvement in the City and items that are missing currently. Commission members will utilize existing data for this as well including Regional Indicators and McKinstry studies the city has participated in. Additionally the group would like to discuss options for recognizing businesses in the community related to their sustainability practices. Other similar programs are done in other metro cities. More information to come at the next meeting and discussion regarding what the Commission would like to utilize in Coon Rapids. Staff will also provide information regarding sustainable purchasing policies and what options might be available and viable for Coon Rapids. Both initiatives are also part of the Green Step Cities programs.

There will be no regular meetings in July or August. Motioned by Bob Krahn, first from Ed Dedman and seconded by Rebecca Holmlund, all in favor. Members will be at Summer in the City Meetings and possibly attend the Eco Experience in August together as research for the Green Expo.

8. Adjourn

---

Motion by Ed Dedman, seconded by Christy Lamoreaux, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.



**Sustainability Commission - Regular**

**0.**

**Meeting Date:** 06/16/2016

**Subject:** Business Awards

**From:** Colleen Sinclair, Recycling Coordinator

---

---



**Sustainability Commission - Regular**

**1.**

**Meeting Date:** 06/16/2016

**Subject:** Purchasing

**From:** Colleen Sinclair, Recycling Coordinator

---

---