



SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AGENDA

Thursday, May 16, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Coon Rapids City Center

Conference Room 3

Call to Order

Roll Call

Adopt Agenda

AI-5736 Sustainability Commission Minutes 4-18-2019

Old Business

New Business

1. AI-5737 New Member Oath of Office
2. AI-5738 Parks Tour Discussion
3. AI-5739 Summer in the City Topics

Other Business

Adjourn



Sustainability Commission - Regular

Meeting Date: 05/16/2019

SUBJECT: Sustainability Commission Minutes 4-18-2019

Approval of Minutes PLACE HOLDER - Delete these words

Attachments

4-18-2019

COON RAPIDS SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 18, 2019

The April 18, 2019 meeting of the Sustainability Commission was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Commission Members Present: Chris Backes, Christy Lamoreaux, Rebecca Holmlund, Marcia Baudino, Tim Lockrem

Commission Members Absent: Shana Bush, Stacey Demmer

Staff Present: Andy Kintop, Colleen Sinclair

Others Present: Annie Hendrick

1. Accept Agenda

Call to order at 6:32 p.m. Motion by Christy Lamoreaux to approve agenda, seconded by Rebecca Holmlund. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Marcia Baudino, second by Rebecca Holmlund to approve minutes of the March 21, 2019 Sustainability Commission meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Amended Agenda Item

The sustainability commission welcomed a new applicant, Annie Hendrick, to interview (first) for an open spot on the commission. Hendrick is a recent graduate of Northern Arizona University (NAU) class of 2018, with a degree in Environmental Sustainability. At NAU, Hendrick was an outreach mentor (2015-2018), as well as a member of the NAU Green Jacks, a University sustainability club (2015-2017). Currently Hendrick is a Bell Bank Customer Service Rep., and was a Park Ranger Intern for the Anoka County Parks & Rec. from 2015-2018.

Staff and commission members conducted a brief interview with applicant Hendrick with questions focused around sustainability in general, as well as sustainability in Coon Rapids. Hendrick expressed that she feels strongly about finding an equilibrium in an ever changing environment from the “norm” and sustainable practices and living. As a Coon Rapids resident, she is constantly teaching her family about the importance of sustainability and she would like to further her teaching into the/her community.

Staff and commission members explained the role in which the commission serves the community, as well as the various subjects discussed and the projects they are and have been involved in. The role of a member was also explained in more detail, including the three year commitment. Hendrick expressed that she was very interested in being a member, but also explained that being fresh out of college that she was actively looking for a position in her studied field, and that if a job opportunity were to come up that coincided with her membership (out of state, far relocation, time constraint, etc.) she would have to resign. The commission agreed.

Hendrick was asked to step out of the meeting while the commission discussed their thoughts and findings from the interview. A motion by member Christy Lamoreaux was made to accept Annie Hendrick as the newest member of the sustainability commission, second by Marcia Baudino. Motion passed unanimously. Hendrick was welcomed back into the room to engage in the rest of the meeting. An Oath of Office declaration will be presented to her to accept and sign at the next meeting of the commission, and her acceptance will be announced at the May 7, 2019 Coon Rapids City Council meeting.

4. Review Proposed Beekeeping Ordinances

To reflect the minutes from the previous meeting of the sustainability commission: for clarification, the commission was not reviewing a fully prepared City ordinance for beekeeping, but it was reviewing the variations in the sample ordinances from the previous commission meeting. Staff presented the slight differences and variations in the six example ordinances to the commission which were discussed at the previous meeting, in order to decide on what to recommend to the Coon Rapids Inspections Department to finalize a complete ordinance to present to the City Council. The changes to the model ordinance agreed upon by the commission were: \$30 bi-annual license fee, no beekeeping for commercial use, a course in beekeeping from the classes offered through the U of M is required, and a to-scale visual diagram included in the application be required. Staff will present these recommendations to the inspections department in a future meeting.

5. Other Business

Commissioner Holmlund attended and represented the Coon Rapids Sustainability Conference at the 2nd Annual Environmental Commission Conference on April 13th, a conference that brings together several environmental advisory commissions from the Metro area. Conference facilitator, Diana McKeown of CERTs (Clean Energy Resource Teams) and The Great Plains Institute (GPI) discussed the Coon Rapids Community Sustainability Partnership (CSP) business recognition program, and advocated for other Metro city commissions to create something similar. The City of Edina would like to pursue a similar program, which Holmlund offered information and assistance. Commissioner Holmlund also relayed information about the City of Inver Grove Heights involving local Master Gardeners in city planting project, focused around native plantings. Since meeting with City Engineer Mark Hansen two previous meetings ago, staff will inquire with his department on how to incorporate that into their upcoming projects.

New member recruitment was also discussed. Commissioner Holmlund reiterated her thoughts from the previous meeting that she feels more youth should be involved. Staff member Sinclair expressed the problems with starting a recruitment process of that sort, due to the low volunteer rates and shortage of staff. It was discussed that commission would like to look into a program involving the local community college Anoka Ramsey Community College (ARCC), to see if we could coordinate a partnership with the commission and their Environmental Studies (or similar) program. Staff will inquire with the correct City departments about this being a possibility, and present their findings at the next commission meeting.

The commission has been invited to accompany the Parks and Recreation Commission on a parks tour on May 13th, 2019. After the tour, the plan is to discuss the city council recommendation of adding more “signed and sponsored” pollinator areas in the City.

The commission has also been invited to a Climate Communication Training, an evidence-based communication strategy training that helps people better understand the mechanisms of climate change. The exact date and location of this training/workshop are still to be determined. Staff will provide further details of this once they are available.

6. Adjourn

Motion by Rebecca Holmlund, seconded by Christy Lamoreaux to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. The motion passed unanimously.



Sustainability Commission - Regular

1.

Meeting Date: 05/16/2019

Subject: New Member Oath of Office

From: Andy Kintop, Recycling/Sustainability Specialist

INTRODUCTION

Upon interviewing for a vacant seat on the Sustainability Commission, staff and current commission members present at the previous meeting on April 18, 2019 unanimously agreed to accept Annie Hendrick as the newest member of the Sustainability Commission. Hendrick will be presented with an Oath of Office form in which she will be asked to state her oath out loud and sign.

RECOMMENDATION

New commission member Hendrick will be asked to state her oath of office, officially making her a member of the Coon Rapids Sustainability Commission.



Sustainability Commission - Regular

2.

Meeting Date: 05/16/2019

Subject: Parks Tour Discussion

From: Andy Kintop, Recycling/Sustainability Specialist

INTRODUCTION

The sustainability commission has been invited to join the parks commission on their annual spring parks tour on Monday, May 13th to observe already established pollinator areas as well as potential areas for future pollinator sites. Per a city council recommendation, the plan is for the sustainability commission and the parks commission to partner on a project that will establish signage for existing pollinator sites, as well as recommend areas for new sites.

RECOMMENDATION

Members of the sustainability commission present on the tour will update members which were not able to attend on what was observed and discussed.



Sustainability Commission - Regular

3.

Meeting Date: 05/16/2019

Subject: Summer in the City Topics

From: Andy Kintop, Recycling/Sustainability Specialist

INTRODUCTION

The sustainability will discuss and finalize the informational/educational topics which will be presented and displayed at the Summer in the City events. Several ideas have been discussed, such as solar and renewable energy, as well as highlighting the CSP business program. All ideas from staff and the commission will be brought to the table, discussed and agreed upon.

RECOMMENDATION

The sustainability commission will discuss and determine what will be presented at the Summer in the City events.
