



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA

Minn. Stat. § 13D.021 provides that a meeting of a public body may be conducted via telephone or other electronic means if meeting in a public location is not practical or prudent because of a health pandemic or declared emergency. Due to the declared health pandemic, this Environmental Commission meeting will be held through electronic means rather than in-person.

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1. Via Videoconference:

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2. Via Telephone: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 886 7418 9332 Passcode: 791135

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021

6:00 PM

1. Call to Order / Roll Call
2. Approve February 22, 2021 Minutes
3. Items for Discussion
 - A. Recommend Amendments to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 31 – Tall Grass and Weed Regulations
 - B. Preliminary Discussion regarding an Environmental Commission Webpage – Kari Casper (verbal update – no written report)
 - C. Update on GROWS' Pollinator Efforts – Emily Nesvold (verbal update – no written report)
 - D. Update on the Environmental Commission Road Map Document – Chair Steinkamp (verbal update – no written report)
4. Routine Business
 - A. Announcements and Updates

- The University of Minnesota Regional Sustainable Development Partnership shortlisted our idea brief to promote equity in the City's environmental planning efforts – detailed proposal due May 3
- Submitted an application to host a GreenCorps member for 11 months starting in September – will hear by May
- No response yet from the state regarding the City's grant application for an electric vehicle charging station at City Hall – public charging stations in a downtown parking lot should be installed soon
- RFPs sent to solar installation contractors regarding the Faribault/Northfield/Rice County Solar Group Buy Program – next steps will be to select a contractor, then promote the program to the public
- City Planner will schedule review and approval of the Climate Adaptation Plan
- Joint Environmental Commission/City Council work session will likely not occur until after the Governor lifts the emergency order related to the pandemic

B. Identify Agenda Items for April 26, 2021 Meeting

- Review and recommend improvements to draft Environmental Commission webpage
- Review and recommend status of GreenStep Cities actions
- Legal opinion on communication between Commission members
- Youth involvement in the Environmental Commission efforts and meetings

5. Adjourn

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