



## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA

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**2. Via Telephone:** 1-312-626-6799 **Meeting ID:** 867 9438 5210 **Passcode:** 304639

**MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021**

**6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order / Roll Call
2. Approve March 22, 2021 Minutes
3. Items for Discussion
  - A. Opportunities to Broaden Participation in Faribault's Environmental Efforts
  - B. Preliminary Discussion regarding an Environmental Commission Webpage
  - C. Update on the Environmental Commission Road Map Document
4. Routine Business
  - A. Announcements and Updates
    - Zoom meeting with the City Attorney scheduled for Wednesday, May 12 at 6:00 pm to discuss the open meeting law, conflicts of interest, and similar legal issues associated with serving on a City

commission

- Update on GROWS' Pollinator Efforts – Emily Nesvold
- Update on Crocker's Creek Restoration and Maintenance Efforts – Dick Huston
- Faribault Fire Department efforts to transition parking lot hillside to native prairie
- City Hall electric lawn mower
- Shortlisted and interviewed to host a GreenCorps member for 11 months starting in September – will hear by May
- 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
- Participation in Home Energy Squad Challenge with other cities
- The City of Faribault and the City of Northfield suspended its Solar Group Buy Program due to inconsistencies in interconnection fees that could discourage homeowners and small businesses from installing onsite solar – the legislature will begin to review possible solutions
- No response 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 in May – discussions about an Hour Car pilot program in Faribault
- The City's Development Review Committee is refining the Natural Landscape Ordinance – Council action expected in May
- The City Council approved the Climate Adaptation Plan

B. Identify Agenda Items for May 23, 2021 Meeting

- Follow-up on May 12 meeting with City Attorney regarding Environmental Commission meeting protocols
- Review and recommend improvements to draft Environmental Commission webpage
- Introduction to tree preservation and replacement ordinances

5. Adjourn

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