

**ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 19, 2016**

1 CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof the meeting of the Environmental & Sustainability Task Force of the City of Rosemount was called to order on July 19, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the City Hall, 2875 145th Street West, Rosemount. Attendees included: Task Force Members Kathleen Koch-Laveen, Mark Glende, Rebecca Higgins (arrived 5:35), Renee Burman, and Wade Miller; Council Member Vanessa Demuth, Interim Public Works Director John Morast, and Senior Engineering Technician Derick Anderson. Guests attending included: Avery Hildebrand, Conservation Minnesota; Melissa Burton, Farmington resident and intern at Mississippi Watershed Management Organization.

2 ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Demuth. **Second** by Miller.

Ayes: 5.

Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion carried.

4 PRESENTATIONS

Avery Hilderbrand from Conservation Minnesota presented a PowerPoint presentation and spoke about Conservation Minnesota; its Mission, Top 10 Issues, and the partnerships they have with various businesses, government and other organizations. They have grown from less than 5,000 members to over 60,000 in the last three years, including 244 members in Rosemount. They can help with Resolutions, Initiatives, and Outreach.

Higgins asked how long does the Bird City process take, Hilderbrand responded it takes about a year. Higgins suggested the Task Force pursue becoming a Bird City as an accomplishment that can be done in the timeframe of the Task Force.

Demuth asked Hilderbrand if he recommended we sign up for Xcel Energy's Partners in Energy Program.

Burman asked about Partnerships and membership structure, Hilderbrand responded that for the City there would be a Memorandum of Understanding. For memberships, it is \$50 per household or \$25 for individuals, or free if you complete a survey.

5 UPDATES

Leprechaun Days

The Task Force discussed staffing and logistics for setting up a tent at Leprechaun Days and collecting a survey of residents on 6 topics ranked 1 to 6 plus space to add other topics. Handouts and brochures available were also discussed.

Stormwater

Demuth and Glende brought in water sample from each of their backyard ponds, followed by a discussion about Duckweed.

Morast discussed the buffer requirements for wetlands, sites that predate the adoption of the wetland buffer requirement are encouraged but not required to have buffers. Demuth asked to find out the date of the buffer requirement; Anderson later determined that the Wetland Management Plan was adopted in 1998.

Lawn clippings in the street were discussed, Morast stated that Section J prohibits residents placing lawn clippings in the street.

Organic Drop-off Site

Higgins had to leave at 6:35 and will provide update at the next meeting

Diesel Retrofit

No update

“Freeze Out”

The Task Force briefly discussed ways to increase participation by helping residents get refrigerators and freezers out of basements; possibly using the rebate to offset the cost of hiring a moving or recycling company to remove the appliance.

Additional items

Morast brought up having Deb Manning from the Met Council present at the Utility Commission about waste water recharge of groundwater and having the Task Force members attend. Higgins asked if the process was reviewed by a Consultant with expertise in the subject as the process alters the geology.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2016.

6 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.