

West St. Paul Environmental Committee
August 7, 2019
West St. Paul Municipal Center-Administrative Conference Room

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee members in attendance: Carol Hall, Tara Wright, Jonathan Wagner, Rebecca McCarty, Jade Pennig

Non-voting members present: Bob Gausman, Dave Schletty

Members excused: Kristi Otte, Polly Saatzer

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. The June meeting minutes were approved by the committee.

b. Site Plan Review 938 Robert St.

Schletty explained to the committee that the applicant did not have all required documents submitted on time and the City Planner needed to delay the plan review. The plan will be reviewed at the September meeting.

4. OLD BUSINESS-NA

5. UPDATES

a. Subcommittee Update

i. **GreenStep Cities Program-** The City has attained Step II of the program. The City will receive an award at the GreenStep conference. Schletty said that Eng-Sarne represented the City and received the award along with another award for the City's work on I&I.

b. City Council- NA

c. Staff- NA

d. Park and Recreation Committee- Gausman reported that a subcommittee has formed to discuss and plan for something to happen in the "Art Park" at Butler and Oakdale. Gausman would like to see something similar to the iconic "LOVE" sculpture installed. Gausman also updated the committee on the improvements in Marthaler Park with the Wentworth road project.

e. Planning Commission -NA

6. OTHER

a. Leslie Pilgrim- Pilgrim is a Mendota Heights resident who is also a "Master Water Steward". She is here to promote and try to recruit a West St Paul resident to enroll in the program, as WSP currently has no representative with this certification. The program is promoted and funded by Dakota County and the LMRWMO. She would also like to see the promotion of the Adopt-A-Drain program. Schletty stated that the City was already in the process of promoting drain program and that the City would advertise this program in the next City newsletter along with the Master Water Steward program.

b. Claudia Egelhoff- Egelhoff, who has attended past meetings was present to update the committee on the Climate Change issue at the National Level. She stated that many local municipalities continue to adopt resolutions for climate change. She would like to see West St Paul join this group to place pressure on representatives at the National level. She provided the committee with some draft resolutions and would like to return at the October meeting to further discuss this issue. She plans to bring this to the City Council's attention later this fall and would love to get the support of the committee. Members suggesting discussing the draft resolution at the September meeting.

c. Member Wagner- Wagner inquired if the City could/would help promote residential solar? He suggested the City could sponsor an event with different solar companies.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Committee and with no objections, the Environmental Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:38 pm.