



## OPEN COUNCIL WORK SESSION

**MUNICIPAL CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**1616 HUMBOLDT AVENUE, WEST ST. PAUL, MN 55118**  
**JULY 12, 2021 | 5:30PM**

During the City of West St. Paul's July 12th Open Council Work Session, a portion of the meeting will not be televised or streamed online. While candidates seeking appointment on the Environmental Committee are being interviewed, digital broadcast and recording will be temporarily suspended. When the interviews are complete, the broadcast will resume.

**The City Council Chambers are open to the public in-person during this entire process.**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Review and Approve the OCWS Agenda
4. Review the Regular Meeting Consent Agenda
5. Agenda Item(s)

A. Environmental Committee Applicant Interviews

Documents:

[COUNCIL REPORT - ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE APPLICANT INTERVIEWS.PDF](#)  
[ATTACHMENT - CINDY JOANNING.PDF](#)  
[ATTACHMENT - CONSTANCE LACOMBE.PDF](#)  
[ATTACHMENT - ELIZABETH PEARSON.PDF](#)  
[ATTACHMENT - JOSHUA PRZYBYLSKI.PDF](#)  
[ATTACHMENT - KIM ROSTBERG.PDF](#)

B. Opportunity as Community Partner for U of MN Environmental Science Class

Documents:

[COUNCIL REPORT - OPPORTUNITY AS COMMUNITY PARTNER FOR U OF MN CLASS .PDF](#)

6. Adjourn

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*[www.wspmn.gov](http://www.wspmn.gov) EOE/AA*

To: **Mayor and City Council**  
Through: **Nate Burkett, City Manager**  
From: **Dave Schletty, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director**  
Date: **July 12, 2021**

## **Environmental Committee Applicant Interviews**

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### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In March 2021 the City Council adopted a new process for Committee appointments. The Environmental Committee currently has four of the nine seats vacant. Two of the vacancies were from members who recently left the committee for personal reasons and the other two are due to the increase of the committee from seven to nine members in April 2021. Staff has been soliciting through social media and the website for new applicants to fill these seats. There are currently five applicants; Cindy Joanning, Constance LaCombe, Elizabeth Pearson, Joshua Przybylski, and Kim Rostberg. Per the appointment process, the City Council will interview all applicants and then rank the applicants for appointment to the committee. The top ranked candidates will be forwarded to the next Council meeting for official appointment to the Committee.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Interview applicants and rank/recommend appointment to the Environmental Committee for the four vacant seats.

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**Application for Appointment to Commissions, Boards, Committees and Task Forces -  
Submission #4088**

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Date Submitted: 6/26/2021

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**First Name\***

Cindy

**Last Name\***

Joanning

**Address1\***

[REDACTED]

**Address2**

[REDACTED]

**City\***

West saint Paul

**State\***

MN

**Zip\***

55118

**Email\***

[REDACTED]

**Home Phone**

**Cell Phone**

**Work Phone**

**Public Commission Directory\***

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- Home                       Cell                       Work

**Mark up to 3 committees you are interested in serving on\***

- Charter Commission
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
- Planning Commission
- Environmental / Greening Committee
- Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization
- NDC4 (Cable Commission)

**If you are interested in more than one committee, please list them in order of most desirable to least desirable.**

**More Info**

[Learn more about each Board and Commission here...](#)

**How Many Years Have You Lived in West St. Paul\***

**Ward**

**Precinct**

**Employment / Job Title\***

Retired

**Employer Name & Address\***

None

**List your past and present civic activities or memberships which may be helpful to this committee.\***

U of M Master Gardener

**List two or three goals that you would like to see accomplished during your term on a commission.\***

I'm new to this, so I assume I can help with planning, design and installation of natural landscapes

**How did you become interested in serving on a committee?\***

Saw a Facebook post calling for people

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**Application for Appointment to Commissions, Boards, Committees and Task Forces -  
Submission #3558**

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Date Submitted: 10/19/2020

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To be considered for seats set to expire March 2020 on the Planning Commission (3 seats), Environmental Committee (1 seat), and Park & Recreation Advisory Committee (3 seats), the application deadline is Wednesday, January 22, 2020.

**First Name\***

Constance

**Last Name\***

LaCombe

**Address1\***

[REDACTED]

**Address2**

**City\***

West Saint Paul

**State\***

MN

**Zip\***

55118

**Email\***

[REDACTED]

**Home Phone**

[Redacted]

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No preference

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**How Many Years Have You Lived in West St. Paul\***

27

**Ward**

3

**Precinct**

1



**Employment / Job Title\***

Retired Math Teacher

**Employer Name & Address\***

St Paul Schools, The College of Saint Scholastica

**List your past and present civic activities or memberships which may be helpful to this committee.\***

Attended city council meetings and some park commission meetings.

Have and currently do serve as an election judge.

Helped to organize and put on the candidate forums sponsored by WoW, ROCC, and the WSP Greenway

**List two or three goals that you would like to see accomplished during your term on a commission.\***

Increase citizen participation in all aspects of WSP governance.

**How did you become interested in serving on a committee?\***

Seeing the work that is done by volunteers in our city is inspiring.

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**Application for Appointment to Commissions, Boards, Committees and Task Forces -  
Submission #3555**

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**First Name\***

Elizabeth

**Last Name\***

Pearson

**Address1\***

[REDACTED]

**Address2**

**City\***

West St Paul

**State\***

MN

**Zip\***

55118

**Email\***

[REDACTED]

**Home Phone**

[Redacted]

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Parks (1)  
Planning (2)  
Environmental (3)

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12

**Ward**

3

**Precinct**

2

**Employment / Job Title\***

eLearning Developer and Instructional Designer

**Employer Name & Address\***

MN Department of Human Services, 540 Cedar Street, St Paul, MN 55101

**List your past and present civic activities or memberships which may be helpful to this committee.\***

I served on the board of directors for the Germanic American Institute in Saint Paul for 3 years. During that time I helped develop long term plans for a 50 year old organization. Our plans examined the changing face of our organization from a social club to a organization that supports language education and events for people age 3 to 80.

**List two or three goals that you would like to see accomplished during your term on a commission.\***

Accessibility to plans for the city for more residents. Using videos, short training options to get our message out to a broader sampling of people. I want to see improvements to our infrastructure for all ages.

**How did you become interested in serving on a committee?\***

I think it is important to be involved in my community and I have a great deal of interest in seeing a reduction in waste and improving our green footprint in our community.

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**Application for Appointment to Commissions, Boards, Committees and Task Forces -  
Submission #4018**

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Date Submitted: 5/5/2021

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**First Name\***

Joshua

**Last Name\***

Przybylski

**Address1\***

[REDACTED]

**Address2**

**City\***

West St. Paul

**State\***

MN

**Zip\***

55118

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[REDACTED]

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1) Environmental  
2) Parks & Recreation  
3) Planning

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**How Many Years Have You Lived in West St. Paul\***

**Ward**

**Precinct**

**Employment / Job Title\***

Farmer

**Employer Name & Address\***

Straight River Farm  
3733 220th St E, Faribault, MN 55021

**List your past and present civic activities or memberships which may be helpful to this committee.\***

I am just an interested resident and frequent dog-walker.

**List two or three goals that you would like to see accomplished during your term on a commission.\***

I want to help make West St. Paul an even better place to live and work and be outside.

**How did you become interested in serving on a committee?\***

My first child was born recently, and this has given me a new interest in making this community a good one for him.

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**Application for Appointment to Commissions, Boards, Committees and Task Forces -  
Submission #4084**

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Date Submitted: 6/24/2021

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**First Name\***

Kim

**Last Name\***

Rostberg

**Address1\***

[REDACTED]

**Address2**

**City\***

W. St. Paul

**State\***

MN

**Zip\***

55118

**Email\***

[REDACTED]



**Home Phone**

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26

**Ward**

3

**Precinct**

1

**Employment / Job Title\***

Docketing clerk

**Employer Name & Address\***

Fox Rothschild LLP  
222 South Ninth Street  
Suite 2000  
Minneapolis, MN 55402

**List your past and present civic activities or memberships which may be helpful to this committee.\***

None but very willing to participate.

**List two or three goals that you would like to see accomplished during your term on a commission.\***

Projects that provide sustainability, quality, beauty and purpose to our city.

**How did you become interested in serving on a committee?\***

My husband is a reserve officer in West Saint Paul

To: **Mayor and City Council**  
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## **Opportunity as Community Partner for U of MN Environmental Science Class**

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### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Council Member Eng-Sarne was recently approached by resident Karen Zumach (a former Environmental Committee member) about an opportunity for the City to work with a U of MN Environmental Science class. The course name is Problem Solving for Environmental Change (ESPM 4041W). Each year students participating in the course work with a community partner to complete ‘real world’ projects involving environmental science, policy and land use planning. Students work in groups of four to six people (~10 projects). The group’s goal is to gather data relevant to the partner’s objectives, analyze the data, and, based on the data, make recommendations for future use. Students produce a final written report for the partner, design a webpage about the findings for public display, develop a short, formal presentation describing the findings, and present their findings to the partner group (typically the City Council). This class has worked with other metro Cities including Roseville in 2017, Minneapolis Park Board in 2018, White Bear Lake in 2019 and Hopkins in 2020. 2020 projects included: Green Step Cities Advancement, Zoning for Sustainable Buildings, Right-of-Way and Public Park Vegetation, Outreach Media Campaign for Urban Forests, Volunteer Urban Tree Surveys, Urban Forest Ordinances, Community Engaged-strategy for Implementing Bee Lawns, Park Use Assessment and Imaginary 2020-2040, Ash Management Planning for Urban Forests, and Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Plan for Urban Forest. These specific projects as well as links to previous years are listed on the following website link: <http://espm4041w.weebly.com/>

Staff feels this could be very helpful and guide future work by the Environmental Committee. Internally staff from Community Development, Public Works and Parks and Recreation will be discussing some possible topics, but also want to get input from Council. There will be a meeting with the professor and a small group from the City, on July 16, to discuss project ideas and decide if West St Paul will be a good fit to the 2021 class. A complete list of projects would need to be finalized by the end of July.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Provide staff with direction and project ideas for the upcoming U of MN class.