

West St. Paul Environmental Committee
Meeting Minutes
6:00 pm, July 6, 2022
West St. Paul Municipal Center- City Council Chambers

1. Call to order

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

2. Roll Call

Committee members in attendance: Chair Jade Pennig, Nicholas Hager, Lauren Hazenson, Constance LaCombe, Ken Paulman, Elizabeth Pearson, Joshua Prybylski, Laura Zanmiller

Absent: Cindy Joanning

Non-voting members in attendance: Robyn Gulley, Dave Schletty, Emily Vergin

3. New Business-

a. Approve June 1, 2022 Minutes

The June 1, 2022 minutes were approved by the Committee with the following corrections.

- In Section 3C; second paragraph, line 5, “colleting” should be changed to “collecting”
- In Item D, second paragraph, line 1, “Evie” should be changed to “electric car”

b. Environmental Committee Goals and Objectives

The Committee brainstormed ideas to guide the direction of their work.

4. Old Business

a. Environmental Fair- West St. Paul Days

Schletty reported the City has decided to “scrap” the Environmental Fair for the year. Not enough vendors applied to participate in the event. The City is now working with the 11 vendors who did register, to take part in the City Open House.

5. Updates

a. Subcommittee

- i. **City Website and Environmental Initiatives**-Pennig will soon be working with City Staff on the website.

b. City Council-NA

c. Staff

- i. **City Hall Construction**-City Staff may be moving back into the City Hall the week of the July 18.
- ii. **Ice Arena**- The construction of the addition to the Ice Arena is on schedule. It should be completed by October.

d. Planning Commission-NA

- e. Parks & Recreation Committee**- Vergin reported that the committee discussed new ideas and inclusivity. There is a big push to make sure that the parks are inclusive to everyone with fully accessible playgrounds. The skate park is still under discussion. The committee is also in the process of looking at the policy on naming parks, and specifically naming the pool park and the art park.

6. Other

- a. Recycling Coordinator**- Schletty reported the Recycling Coordinator would be leaving the City this October to live with her family in Texas. The City is working with the cities of South St. Paul, Mendota Heights, Sun Fish Lake and Lilydale to rework the Recycling Coordinator’s job description. .

- b. **August meeting-** Schletty asked if Committee Members if they would like a worksession to replace the regular meeting. The worksession would be a non-televised meeting and could be done in conjunction with the Park and Recreation Committee. The Committee gave permission to proceed on the worksession. Schletty will ask Park and Recreation Committee members if they would like to meet for the worksession.

7. **Adjournment-**The Committee adjourned at 7:10 pm.