



## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY COMMISSION

Fridley Municipal Center, 7071 University Ave Ne

### AGENDA

July 9, 2019

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Location: Fridley Civic Campus, Banfill Room, 7:00 PM

#### **Call to Order**

#### **Approve Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Minutes**

- 1) Review June 3 Minutes

#### **New Business**

- 1) Active Transportation Plan

#### **Old Business**

- 1) Finding Your Fun in Fridley update
- 2) Energy Action Plan update

#### **Other**

- 1) Recycling Drop off- July 13
- 2) Finding Your Fun in Fridley Workshop 2- July 11
- 3) Fridley Historic Home Tour- July 21
- 4) Finding Your Fun in Fridley Workshop 3- July 25
- 5) Finding Your Fun in Fridley Workshop 4- August 8

Next meeting August 13, 2019 (presentation from Coon Creek Watershed District) at 7:00 PM at Fridley Civic Campus

#### **Adjourn**



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### MINUTES

June 3, 2019

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#### SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Location: City of Fridley Civic Campus, Fireside Room and Parks Tour

#### **Call to Order**

Chair Heintz called the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Members present: Pete Borman, Mike Heintz, EB Graham, Ryan Gerhard, Dave Kondrick, Shanna Larson (late arrival)

Members absent: None

Chair Hanson called the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission to order.

Members present: Mark Hanson, Justin Foell, Amy Dritz, Nick Olberding

Absent: Heidi Ferris, Paul Westby, Sam Stoxen

Staff: Deborah Dahl, Director of Community Services and Employee Relations; Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Other: Steve Eggert, Council Member; Jeff Jensen, Operations Manager- Streets, Parks, and Facilities

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Chair Heintz called for a motion to adopt the minutes from the May 6, 2019 Parks and Recreation Meeting.

Commissioner Kondrick made a motion; Commissioner Graham seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimously

Chair Hansen called for a motion to adopt the minutes from the May 13, 2019 Environmental Quality and Energy Commission minutes. Commissioner Foell made a motion; Commissioner Olberding seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimously

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Chair Heintz called for a motion to adopt the agenda for the June 3 meeting agenda. Commissioner Borman made the motion; Commissioner Graham seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimously

## New Business

### 1) Welcome

Ms. Dahl welcomed the two groups and described the tour of the Parks to occur this meeting. Chair Heintz shared that the City had one the Our Courts. Our Future basketball court contest for a new basketball court at Madsen Park and thanked staff for promoting the voting platform. Commissioner Kondrick asked how they picked the three finalists. Ms. Dahl shared that the City was one of many applicants, she did not know the criteria by which the 3 metro area cities were selected. Commissioner Borman asked how Madsen Park was selected as the entrant. Mr. Jensen shared that it was a combination of need, visibility, and use. Mr. Jensen shared that the presence of a parking lot provides Madsen Park with a high level of opportunity.

### 2) Parks Master Plan

Ms. Dahl described the Parks Master Plan process. She requested that the Commissioners participation in the process by 1) attending the facilitated discussion, 2) leaving feedback through Social Pinpoint, 3) encouraging others to complete Social Pinpoint. She shared that Social Pinpoint would be a clearinghouse for information in order to receive it in a streamlined manner. Commissioner Dritz asked how long the survey would be open, Ms. Dahl said July 7.

Commissioner Kondrick asked if the City had received any feedback on removing parklands. Ms. Workin shared that the feedback they had received through Social Pinpoint was not to remove parkland but that certain amenities were not well used. Mr Jensen said that his staff get comments regarding large green space areas that are be under-utilized.

Ms. Dahl shared trends occurring in parks that were incorporated into the City's Comprehensive Plan that the commissions previously reviewed. Ms. Workin said that the Park Master Plan would build on these trends rather than duplicate effort. She said that the Comprehensive Plan is a more theoretical document, while the Master Plan is more of a work plan. Mr. Jensen talked about staff experience touring neighborhoods parks in Roseville where the City had constructed buildings that functioned as mini-community centers. Ms. Workin said that Roseville's model has a lot of potential in Fridley where neighborhood centers function as decentralized community centers.

Chair Heintz recommended sharing Social Pinpoint on Nextdoor. Ms. Dahl said they could provide Commissioners with language to share the survey. She shared a document prepared by Alyssa Kruzel on how Commissioners could help with the process.

Commissioner Kondrick stated the importance of knowing the demographics, what the age of the kids are and knowing when areas are going to change. Ms. Workin said the plan would look at developing standards for different types of parks. Ms. Dahl discussed the professional facilitators that would be assisting with the process. Mr. Jensen provided the example of Madsen that is an area park that would provide a centralized place for service, and how it could be elevated, for example with a building. Chair Kondrick asked how much the building at Springbrook cost. Mr. Jensen said approximately \$400,000. He said that handling the drainage at Madsen has continued to be an issue. The bus arrived and Commissioners left for the tour.

### 3) Tour

The group toured Madsen Park, Flanery Par, Creek View Park, Moore Lake Park, and Riverview Heights Park. Mr Jensen pointed at areas that were used. Commissioners discussed the possibility of relocating structures. Mr. Jensen stated it was almost always cheaper to build new. Mr. Jensen encouraged the group to think about the different levels of parks and the services they provided.

The group exited the vehicle at Moore Lake and Riverview Heights Parks. At Moore Lake the group discussed which properties the City owned. Mr. Jensen shared the history of the park and that the aesthetics of Moore Lake are largely influenced by its natural condition as a shallow lake/wetland that had been excavated, rather than a water quality issue. He shared the role of the bubbler and the liner to keep water circulating and that they turn it down in the winter. Mr. Jensen also shared the County's plans to put in a roundabout in Gardena in 2021. Mr. Jensen said that they plan to shrink the parking lot. Mr. Jensen discussed that these larger parks like Moore Lake and Commons had their own identities such as Moore Lake's location on a waterbody and Common's proximity to the schools and important place for play.

At Riverview Heights Park the group discussed the importance of increasing signage and awareness of what's at each park. The group discussed the need to highlight Fridley's riverfront location. Ms. Dahl also shared the potential for parks like Riverview Heights to be incorporated into Springbrooks' programming.

### 4) Return

The group returned to the Fireside room. Chair Heintz thanked the EQEC for attending. Ms. Dahl shared the document on how Commissioners could be involved again and said that Ms. Kruzel would follow up with an email.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Dritz moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Foell seconded the motion. The meeting Environmental Quality and Energy Commission adjourned at 8:33.

## Active Transportation Plan Meeting Schedule

### Meeting 1- July

1. Meeting schedule review
2. Presentation of trail development and maintenance
3. Outreach review (*Share feedback from Social Pinpoint and University Ave corridor study*)
4. Identification of priority zones
5. Divide into zones

### Meeting 2- September

1. Needs review
  - a. City to present perceived needs/gaps
  - b. EQEC to add/delete

### Meeting 3- October

1. Cost review

### Meeting 4- November

1. Prioritization activity

### Meeting 5- December

1. Final plan acceptance



# Memorandum

## Planning Division

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DATE: July 13, 2019

TO: Environmental Quality and Energy Commission members

FROM: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

SUBJECT: Energy Action Plan

On November 26<sup>th</sup> the City Council approved an Energy Action Plan for the City of Fridley. In order to achieve the goals of the plan, an implementation plan was drafted. The below is a monthly update to the EQEC on progress toward completing the implementation plan:

### May- June 2019

- 4 social media posts
- Newsletter item on solar panels
- 49rs Day Parade
- Home Energy Squad signup event at Park Plaza
- Direct email to apartment complexes
- Developed material for businesses at Development Review committee
- Website updates
- Continue direct calling of Fridley apartment complexes

### Upcoming Events

- Launch outreach to faith communities