

**St. Anthony Park Community Council
Environment Committee**

Minutes - 24 January 2018

A meeting of the Environment Committee of the St. Anthony Park Community Council was held Wednesday, 24 January 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the SAPCC offices

Members Present: Betty Wheeler, Michael Russelle, Stephen Mastey, Tim Wulling, Steve Yetter

Members Absent: Karlyn Eckman

I. Agenda

- Committee membership
- 2018 Goals
- MWMO, CRWD, and Ramsey County Conservation District grant applications
- Meeting with MPCA personnel about air quality and our interactive GIS map of polluted sites
- Update on cooperation with other district councils on the St Paul Climate Action Plan and Comp Plan

Agenda approved by unanimous voice vote

II. Membership

- Discussed outreach efforts for new members, member directed to continue outreach efforts

III. 2018 Goals

- **Kasota Ponds cleanup** - Steve Yetter to coordinate, targeted for Saturday, April 7, (WSA5.1)
- **Reduce the emission of greenhouse gases through lower energy use** - Michael Russelle to coordinate, (CC1), make sure building upgrades have energy audits, are solar-ready, work with Sean from Alliance for Sustainability on strategy, tactics, planning
- **Enhance the urban forest while protecting sites for solar energy production** - Stephen Mastey to coordinate, (PR6), contact Zach Jorgensen, city forester, to clarify appropriate 2018 goal for the committee
- **Identify and remediate sources of soil and air pollution in SAP**, Betty Wheeler to coordinate, (WSA4), follow-up with MPCA to bring air quality results to the neighborhood, review sources of pollution in neighborhood including noise, light, air, water, soil. Initiative with City on lead and arsenic contamination in gardens (and homes), incorporate into other education efforts, seek funding opportunities, partnerships (SRC, MDH), investigate providing testing kits.
- **Reduce input of contaminants to surface waters from SAP**, Karlyn Eckman to coordinate, (WSA3).
- **Align Environment Committee and Transition Town activities**, Tim Wulling to coordinate, especially Community Solar (CC2.3) and Waste Reduction (CC1.4)
- **Reduce runoff and suspended solids that carry nitrogen, phosphorus, and other nutrients into the Mississippi**, Stephen Mastey to coordinate (WSA3.5)
- **Promote tree planting on public and private property**, Stephen Mastey to coordinate, (PR6.3)

Above goals were proposed and unanimously accepted by voice vote

IV. Discuss MWMO, CRWD, and Ramsey County Conservation District grant applications

- Reviewed JOTP Stewardship Grant Award from CRWD for \$16,500 to implement best practice stormwater management practices associated with the construction of the play field at South SAP Rec.
- **Motion** Stephen to draft letter to be sent by SAPCC to JOTP and cc:ing appropriate city staff in support of stormwater infiltration per Site Plan and Field Detail from Landscape Architecture, Inc. dated 12/15/2017.
- **Above motion was unanimously accepted by voice vote**

- MWMO grants - planning(<\$10K), capital improvement projects
 - Idea - planning grant for greenspace at Dominionium development at Weyerhauser site
- CRWD grants - big grants currently tapped out until 2020 or 2021 per Stephen
- Ramsey County Conservation District-

V. Next meeting - Wednesday, 28 February 2018, 7-9 p.m.