

ENVR Committee Minutes Draft
August 28 2019 7-9 p.m.
Tap Room

7:25	Call to Order, Introductions, and Check in	
7:25	June and August will be addressed at September meeting	
7:26	Cross Walk Issue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree blocking flashing crosswalk light on Raymond and Gordon. 	<i>-Stephen M is contacting city forester, Zach, and will report back to the committee.</i>
7:27	Potential Monitor Wells to Investigate for Groundwater Map <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Betty provides history of ‘abandoned wells’. • Asks committee to keep on the look out for additional unmapped wells. 	<i>-See Minnesota Well Index attachment. -Stephen M will ask Paul environmental Science friend to map South Saint Anthony Wells. Stephen will report back.</i>
7:38	Kasota Ponds Native Plant Education and Restoration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trying to finalize second mini grant • Kathryn and Emily have been working with boy scout troop to schedule educational component 10AM-12PM September 7th. • Stephen M proposes the possibility of managing buckthorn with goats, beavers, and/or bison from MN native landscapes. 	<i>-All volunteers welcome behind NAPA auto building -Karin will check on cost to rent goats from St.Croix Watershed management.</i>
7:55	New Park at Westgate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It appears there is land adjacent to Sunrise banks (owned by the city) that has potential to be thoughtfully developed as part of the West Gate Park. Land is currently an eyesore. • A design has been set forth from the city • Stephen proposes option for withholding a portion of the funds to use at matching funds at a later date • What is happening with all park dedication fees for these new developments in our neighborhood? Park dedication fees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much money is available? • Who is in charge of it? • What interest is it earning? • How do we access it? 	<i>-Stephen has requested meeting with city park design staff. When date becomes available, ENVR committee will be invited by Stephen M.</i>

7:	<p>Rohn Industries Trailer Storage Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This land was a toxic waste dump for many years • 20 years ago Coke Industries attempted to develop trailer parking but the ENVR committee and community said this isn't possible. • Stephen M visited visited Amanda Smith and found that city is likely to approve plan based on information provided by Rohn Industries • Amanda Smith and West Saunders Pierce seem complacent with potentially harmful development that is happening. <p>ENVR Concerns that committee would like Kathryn to send to: <i>Wes, Amanda, Mitra, MWMO (Udai), Capital Region (Mark , Forrest, Betsey), DNR, Meriam Park community council, Prospect Park, and South Como, Mayor's office, Russ, legislative reps, Ramsey county, Pat Murphy, John Marty, MNDO, City of Minneapolis, Land Use Chair, Transportation Chair, Department of Health, MPCA, the Bugle</i></p> <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to BP Amaco proposal from 70's • Any disturbance to this site violate MPCA regulations because it would expose contaminants to the public both airborne and through the water. • We have concerns about traffic flow at 280 interchange • Consider demanding that there will be a phase 1 environmental impact study and demanding traffic study <p>Steve Ray moves that Kathryn send letter to above recipients covering above key points. Time Seconds. Approved unanimously</p>	<p><i>-See email correspondence between Kathryn and Amanda Smith from the city</i> <i>-Motion to send letter approved unanimously</i></p>
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