



Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting

July 11, 2023

7:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Ave N.E.

Agenda

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- [1.](#) Approve the Minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission meeting of May 9, 2023.

New Business

- [2.](#) Park System Improvement Plan Deconstruction Guidelines

Old Business

- [3.](#) Energy Action Plan Updates
- [4.](#) Grant Updates
- [5.](#) Outreach and Events Updates

Other Items

- [6.](#) Digital Collaboration Brainstorming
- [7.](#) Informal Status Reports

Adjournment

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Meeting Date: July 11, 2023

Meeting Type: Environmental Quality and Energy Commission

Submitted By: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Title

Approve the Minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission meeting of May 9, 2023.

Background

Approve the minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission meeting of May 9, 2023

Recommendation

Approve the minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission meeting of May 9, 2023

Attachments and Other Resources

- Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Minutes- May 9, 2023

Vision Statement

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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

May 9, 2023

7:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Ave N.E.

MINUTES

Call to Order

Chair Klemz called the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Amy Dritz
 Nick Olberding
 Justin Foell
 Aaron Klemz
 Sam Stoxen

Absent: Mark Hansen
 Heidi Ferris

Others Present: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Olberding to approve the meeting agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Dritz. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of April 11, 2023 Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Foell to approve the April 11, 2023 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Olberding. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

2. MRCCA Code

Ms. Workin reviewed proposed changes to the MRCCA Code, Shoreland Overlay, and Telecommunications Overlay Chapters

Motion by Commissioner Foell to recommend the Critical Area code as written and without substantial changes for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Stoxen. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Foell to recommend the revisions to the Shoreland Overlay for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Stoxen. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Foell to recommend the revisions to the Telecommunications Overlay for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Stoxen. The motion carried unanimously.

3. 73rd Avenue Corridor Input

Ms. Workin shared that the City was collecting feedback on 73rd Avenue. She asked commissioners to share there feedback at FridleyMN.gov/73rd

4. Deconstruction webinar and research

Commissioner Klemz shared that there were upcoming webinars on construction and demolition. Ms. Workin shared that Commons Park Warming House might be an opportunity to pilot a decommissioning project.

Old Business

5. Energy Action Plan updates

Ms. Workin shared that the WindUp Challenge resulted in seven new subscriptions. Grant updates

Ms. Workin shared that there were no new grant updates

6. Outreach and Event updates

Ms. Workin shared that the Environmental Fun Fair was very successful. There were six Home Energy Squad sign ups.

Other Items

7. Digital Collaboration Brainstorming

Commissioner Olberding shared examples of sustainability pages for Commissioners to review.

8. Informal Status Reports

Ms. Workin shared that the 2023 Environmental Commissioner would be on May 20 at the Ridgedale Public Library.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Dritz to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Foell. The Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.



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Park System Improvement Plan Deconstruction Guidelines

Background

The City of Fridley (City) is undertaking an extensive renovation of its park system under the Park System Improvement Plan (PSIP). As parks are redeveloped, the City will coordinate the removal and disposal of park equipment and materials that are no longer in service. This draft document provides guidelines for the management of this material.

Recommendation

Review and provide comment on the draft Park System Improvement Plan Deconstruction Guidelines

Attachments and Other Resources

- Draft Park System Improvement Plan Deconstruction Guidelines

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Park System Improvement Plan Deconstruction Guidelines

Best Practices for Socially and Environmentally Responsible Deconstruction of City of Fridley Parks Undergoing Renovation





PSIP Deconstruction Guidelines

Purpose

The City of Fridley (City) is undertaking an extensive renovation of its park system under the Park System Improvement Plan (PSIP). As parks are redeveloped, the City will coordinate the removal and disposal of park equipment and materials that are no longer in service.

The State of Minnesota has developed a regional strategy for solid waste management under the *Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Policy Plan* that includes a material management hierarchy based on the impact to natural resources and public health. Additionally, the City's *Financial Management Policy Manual* outlines a surplus property and equipment to manage used property equipment in a manner that is fiscally responsible and reduces harmful environmental impacts. While the document does not directly pertain to park equipment and materials, many of the manual's guidelines can be carried through.

This document contains a PSIP-specific deconstruction framework that integrates both policy documents as well as an updatable directory of potential disposal locations for consideration (Appendix A). When requests for proposals or bids are solicited for park projects as part of the PSIP, respondents should provide information as to how they will follow this framework.

Deconstruction Framework for Park Property and Materials

The City's deconstruction framework prioritizes the salvage and reuse of equipment and materials where possible. The following options should be considered in order of most to least preferred:

1. **Reuse within City properties:** Salvageable equipment and materials may be transferred to other properties owned by the City.
2. **Reuse with a financial benefit to the City:** Salvageable equipment and materials may be traded in or sold by public auction for reuse. The sale shall be to the highest entity offering the greatest financial benefit to the City.
3. **Reuse with no financial benefit or to the City:** Salvageable equipment and materials may be given at no cost for the purpose of reuse. Items may be donated to eligible organizations as outlined in the *Financial Management Policy Manual*. If the Fair Market Value of the equipment or materials is deemed less than the cost to dispose or recycle it, the City may also solicit offers from entities to acquire the equipment or materials at no cost.
4. **Reuse with a financial cost to the City:** The City may pay a third-party entity to facilitate the reuse of salvageable equipment and materials. The payment for reuse shall be limited to the labor and transportation costs necessary to remove the item from City property.



PSIP Deconstruction Guidelines

5. **Recycling with a financial benefit to the City:** Non-salvageable property and materials may be traded in or sold for recycling.
6. **Recycling with no financial benefit to the City:** Non-salvageable property or materials may be given for no cost for the purpose of recycling.
7. **Recycling with a financial cost to the City:** The City may pay a third-party entity to recycle equipment or materials.
8. **Landfill disposal:** The City may pay for the permanent disposal of non-salvageable items in a landfill

Procedure

During the park planning process, all equipment and materials to be removed shall be identified. The following procedures apply to the disposal of the equipment and material in conformance with the *Financial Management Policy Manual*

- Park equipment and materials for donation or no-cost reuse shall be posted on the City's website for a minimum of 30 days.
- Organizations or entities receiving park material or equipment shall fill out a Surplus Equipment Form and submit the form to the City Manager or their designee
- If more than one Eligible Organizations requests a donation for the same equipment or materials, the City shall consider factors it deems relevant including how the Surplus Equipment will be used, the benefit to the Eligible Organization, the impact on the City, how the Donation will accomplish goals of the City Council, and any previous Donation to the Eligible Organization.
- All City employees and officials are prohibited from taking possession of equipment or equipment or materials for personal use or on behalf of an Eligible Organization.
- The exchange of equipment or materials for reuse is made with no warranty, guarantee, or representation of any kind, express or implied, as to the condition, utility, or usability of the equipment or materials as offered. The equipment and materials may be defective and cannot be relied up for safety purposes. The New Owner shall sign the Disclaimer of Warranties Form prior to acquiring equipment and materials for reuse.
- The City Manager shall cause any title or other ownership documents to be transferred to the New Owner at the time of transfer. Any fees required for the transfer the Surplus Equipment and Surplus Property are the responsibility of the New Owner.



Appendix A- Potential Disposal Locations

1. Reuse with a financial benefit to the City:
 - www.auctionmasters.com
 - <https://www.bid-2-buy.com/>
 - <https://www.k-bid.com/>
 - www.PropertyRoom.com

2. Donation
 - <https://kidsaroundtheworld.com/>

3. Reuse with no financial benefit or with a financial cost to the City
 - <https://www.thebirchgroup.org/>
 - <https://bauerbrosinc.com/product-category/playgrounds/>
 - <https://restore.tchabitat.org/donate>
 - <https://betterfuturesminnesota.com/>
 - <https://www.mnexchange.org/#/>



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Energy Action Plan Updates

Background

At the November 9, 2021 meeting, the EQEC recommended adoption of Phase 2 of the Energy Action Plan. The following activities were completed this past month:

- LED give-away at Park Plaza
- Council Conference workshop on solar
- Continue loaning Energy Efficiency Kits

The following activities are projected in the next month:

- Continue loaning Energy Efficiency Kits
- Plan for EV showcase 8/22

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

None

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Grant Updates

Background

The purpose of this item is to provide Commissioners updates on sustainability grants held by the City.

Grants in the Pre-Application Stage

- CERTS Seed Grants
- Regional Solicitation Grant- Mississippi St Trail
- Regional Solicitation Grant- 61st Avenue Trail

Grants Under Review

- MPCA Level 2 Charging Grant
- Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning Grant to create a Safety Action Plan

Active Grants

- Recycling grant (ongoing)
- Met Council Regional Solicitation Grant for 44th Avenue Bridge w/ Anoka County
- BWSR/RCWD grant for Moore Lake IESF project
- RCWD grant for road diet on University Ave Service Rd
- LRIP grant for 53rd Avenue Trail Project
- RS grant for 7th St Trail Project (missing section in front of Community Center, will resume following school release)
- University Avenue Lighting Project
- Met Council Climate Mitigation grant for feasibility study of 73rd Ave
- BWSR HELP grant for native plant restoration on Commons Park hillside
- Met Council Water Efficiency Grant pt 3
- MDH Well Sealing Grant pt 3
- MnDOT Active Transportation Pilot Grant
- RCWD grant for sumps in Farr Lake neighborhood
- MnDOT Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant for University Avenue
- CCWD Water Quality Grant for Sweepings Screener
- CCWD Water Quality Grant for Apex Pond

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- DNR Preparing for Emerald Ash Borer Grant Pt. 3
- Anoka County grant to include organics recycling at Moore Lake Park building
- Dog Waste Stations in Moore Lake Park

Grants Closed (1/1/2021+)

- SHIP grant for wayfinding kiosk
- MDH Well Sealing Grant pt 2
- SHIP grant for bike fleet (SNC/Recreation)
- CCWD grant for Craig Park improvements
- Lawns to Legumes grant for Craig Park Bee Lawn
- RCWD grant for 6 raingardens in Rice Creek Terrace neighborhood
- Lawns to Legumes Demonstration Neighborhood Grant (ACD grant in partnership with Coon Rapids, and Lino Lakes)
- SHIP grant for Civic Campus orchard
- CCWD grant for hydrodynamic separator in 2022 Street Project Area
- Met Council Water Efficiency Grant pt 2
- DNR Preparing for Emerald Ash Borer Grant pt. 2

Recommendation

- None

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- None

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Outreach and Events Updates

Background

Outreach at community events is an important strategy to build environmental awareness and increase engagement. Events that have been completed since the last meeting as well as upcoming outreach events are listed below.

Completed events (5/10-7/12)

- Park Plaza Recycling Drop-off
- Commons Park Pre-Parade 6/14

Confirmed events and topics

- HES tabling 7/11
- Kids Book Swap 7/26
- Mississippi River Concert 8/8
- Night to Unite Green Block Parties 8/1
- EV Showcase 8/22
- Tree and Native Plant Sale 9/16
- Commons Park Pollinator Planting 9/23

Potential Upcoming Events

- Critical Area Open House
- Pollinator Planting at Moore Lake
- 7th Avenue trail ribbon cutting
- Moore Lake Park ribbon cutting

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

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Digital Collaboration Brainstorming

Background

This item is intended as a brainstorming space to discuss opportunities for digital collaboration and community engagement.

Recommendation

For information purposes only

Attachments and Other Resources

- None

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Informal Status Reports

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Staff and Commissioners will share informal status reports on programs happening in the City.

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

None

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