

**ROSEMOUNT ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS  
JUNE 13, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Rosemount City Council was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 5:34 PM. in Rosemount Council Chambers, 2875 145th Street West.

Vice-Chair Angerer called the meeting to order with Commissioners Burman, Delaney, Andrews, and Reed.

Staff present included the following; Stormwater Specialist Byron

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA**

Stormwater Specialist Byron announced that Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Shoe submitted their resignations this afternoon.

Vice-Chair Angerer agreed to act as the Interim Chair. Voting for chairs to replace the vacancies will take place at the next regular meeting on July 12, 2023.

**Motion by Burman Second by Delaney**

**Motion** to approve the agenda.

**Ayes: 5.**

**Nays: None. Motion carries.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.a. May 9, 2023 Environment and Sustainability Commission Meeting**

**Motion by Burman Second by Andrews**

**Motion** to approve the May 9, 2023 Environment and Sustainability meeting minutes.

**Ayes: 5.**

**Nays: None. Motion carried.**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**4.a. Girl Scout Gold Award Project Presentation - Project Bee Population**

Jada Lindell, a student at Rosemount High School, presented her Girl Scout Gold Award project, called Project Bee Population, to the Commission. The project focuses on investigating bee habitats and nesting tendencies as a way to address the declining bee population. Information and progress on this project can be found on her project webpage: <https://beethefight.webador.com/>

The Commission invited Lindell to join the Environment and Sustainability Commission booth at Leprechaun Days where she can engage with residents and demonstrate her DIY bee box.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **5.a. Existing Goals Updates**

The Commissioners discussed updates to their 2022 goals. Commissioner Burman inquired about the status of review of the Sustainability Purchasing Policy by city staff. Specialist Byron indicated that the policy has still not been fully reviewed yet due to current workload and priorities.

### **5.b. Near Term Education & Outreach**

Specialist Byron provided updates on No Mow May and noted participation was down from 2022, which could be due to several factors including the retraction of the study that was published in 2020 claiming more bees were found in local yards that did not cut their grass for the month of May. The Commission will discuss considering discontinuing participation in No Mow May and looking at alternative ideas for 2024.

Commissioners determined the July blog post will promote visiting the Environment and Sustainability Commission booth at Leprechaun Days.

Commissioner Andrews noted the Leprechaun Days Planning Sub-Committee has not had a chance to meet yet. The Commissioners discussed interactive ideas for the booth.

### **5.c. Land Acknowledgement Subcommittee Update**

Commissioner Delaney announced that she has prepared binders for presentation to City Council. Commissioners noted they would like to view the binders before going to City Council. Commissioner Delaney will send the information to Specialist Byron to disperse.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.a. 2023 Goals Development**

Commissioners discussed updates to their 2023 goals.

Commissioner Angerer indicated she would like to make recommendations to move some Greening Cities items forward and will email the specific information to Engineer Erickson.

The Energy Conservation goal is down to only Commissioner Reed with the recent resignations. Commissioner Angerer volunteered to join the work group.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Specialist Byron noted the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 due to the holiday.

## **STAFF REPORT**

### **8.a. Set Next Meeting Agenda for July 12, 2023**

- i. Leprechaun Days planning
- ii. Vote on 2023 Goals draft language
- iii. Vacancies update
- iv. Tree diseases presentation

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Environment and Sustainability Commission at the regular meeting and upon a motion by Angerer and a second by Reed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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