

**ROSEMOUNT ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Environment & Sustainability Commission was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 5:30 PM in Rosemount Council Chambers, 2875 145th Street West.

Vice Chairperson Springer called the meeting to order with Commissioners Reed, Burman, and Andrews. Commissioner Angerer was absent.

Staff present included the following; Stormwater Specialist Jane Byron, City Engineer Brian Erickson, and Recording Secretary Amy Simonson.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.a. July 12, 2023 Environment and Sustainability Commission Meeting

Motion by Reed Second by Burman

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2023, Environment and Sustainability Commission meeting minutes.

Ayes: 4.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

PRESENTATIONS

4.a. Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization 2026-2035 Watershed Plan Development

Britta Moore-Kutz, Communications & Outreach Specialist with the Vermillion River Watershed (VRW) Joint Powers Organization presented the 2026-2035 Watershed Management Plan Development. The process is in the initial planning phase and the VRW is gathering comments regarding concerns/issues from stakeholders. A summary of the issues and priorities received from stakeholders in the initial comment period was provided. This document is available on the VRWJPO website on the plan development page and there is also a link to provide comments.

Commissioners inquired if there are any current impairments in Rosemount. Per Moore-Kutz, there are no current impairments in Rosemount, but there are nutrient impairments to the Mississippi River and Lake Pepin.

Commissioners commented that as litter is not considered an impairment, they would like the VRW to encourage community engagement to help clean up litter from ponds/stormwater bodies.

OLD BUSINESS

5.a. Goals Updates

Commissioner Burman inquired about the status of the sustainability procurement proposal. Staff indicated that it is under review by department head staff and the next step will be further discussion with staff, discussion regarding budget, and then discussion with Council. No other comments from Commissioners relating to goal updates were provided.

5.b. Education & Outreach Activities

Stormwater Specialist Byron will write a December blog post on how residents can reduce salt usage. As part of the MS4 permit, the city is required to educate the community, staff, etc. on reducing salt usage. Moore-Kutz offered to provide a blogpost for January.

Commissioners discussed a recap of the Leprechaun Days tabling. It was noted there was a lot of traffic and engagement with residents. Future staffing of the table for this event should be two people per shift. Moore-Kutz offered to assist with staffing if a VRW display were to be borrowed by the Commission again next year.

Commissioners discussed forgoing tabling at the Steeple Center Tree Lighting even this year due to few commissioners available to staff the table and typically low engagement at this event. The Commission will focus on tabling at the Business Expo on March 2, 2024 and will coordinate with Violet Penman, the Solid Waste & Recycling Coordinator for the City.

NEW BUSINESS

6.a. Environment & Sustainability Commission Revisioning

Stormwater Specialist Byron is still working on collecting information from other cities relating to their practices for similar commissions. This information will be compiled, and staff will make recommendations to City Council on how to move forward with these recommendations.

Staff recommended canceling the December meeting to continue time to collect information and discuss recommendations with staff and Council, and due to the busy December calendar. Commissioners requested a special work session in December to review and update the commission goals for 2024 pending staff review.

Motion by Springer Second by Andrews

Motion to cancel the December 12, 2023 meeting.

Ayes: 4.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

STAFF REPORT

8.a. Set Next Meeting Agenda for January 9, 2024

- i. Discuss preparations for tabling at the Business Expo 2024
- ii. ESC revisioning update

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council at the regular council meeting and upon a motion by Springer and a second by Reed the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Simonson

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