

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof the meeting of the Environmental & Sustainability Commission (ESC) of the City of Rosemount was called to order on February 18, 2020 at 5:35 p.m. in the Steeple Center Conference Room 202, 14375 S Robert Trail, Rosemount.

Attendees included Task Force Members: Renee Burman (chair), Nathan Marks, Karen Malkowski, John Smith (co-chair), and Katie Koch-Laveen. Victoria Schlautman arrived during item 6.c.

Staff present included the following:

- Public Works Director Brian Erickson and Stormwater Specialist Jane Byron.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Commissioner Marks requested that a discussion on clearing the buckthorn in Carroll's Woods be added to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Malkowski, **Second** by Marks

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2019 Environmental & Sustainability Task Force (ESC) meeting.

Ayes: 4 (Commissioner John Smith withheld vote during meeting due to resignation)

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

OLD BUSINESS

5.a. Energy Action Plan

Commissioner Koch-Laveen provided an overview of energy audits that were conducted in Boulder, Colorado and Hastings, Minnesota.

Commissioner Burman explained that the Partners in Energy agreement with Xcel Energy has ended. Ms. Burman hopes that the City will continue to implement an energy action plan. At a future meeting, the commission requested a staff update on who will be taking over the energy action plan.

NEW BUSINESS

6.a. Set Meeting Dates for 2020-2021

No issues with meeting dates.

Motion by Koch-Laveen, **Second** by Malkowski

Motion to set the 2020 – 2021 Environment & Sustainability Commission meetings.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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6.b. Bylaws

Public Works Director/City Engineer Erickson provided a brief overview of the revised bylaws. Members of the commission changed from nine to seven members, with potential for a youth member.

Commissioners and staff discussed changes to the bylaws. Staff will make the requested changes and bring to the next meeting, March 17, 2020.

Mr. Erickson explained that the commission will proceed with the current positions until April 2020. Open positions for the commissions have been advertised. Commissioner interviews will begin on March 4, 2020 prior to the Council Work Session.

Commissioner Burman requested while conducting interviews for the ESC, that staff emphasize that commissioners will be expected to participate in community events and volunteer.

6.c. Goal Setting 2020 Discussion

Public Works Director/City Engineer Erickson advised waiting until the new commissioners have been sworn in to start the goal setting.

Commissioner Malkowski recommended that the commission use the Green Step Cities as a guide for their goal setting. As of June 2012, Rosemount is at Step 2. The Commission would like one of their goals to be moving up to Step 3. Mr. Erickson will discuss the goal with City Administrator, Logan Martin. The Commission requested a list of steps of what is needed to get to Step 3.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.a. John Smith Resignation

Commissioner John Smith announced his resignation. Commissioners thanked him for his service.

7.b. Rosemount Highschool Earth Day Cleanup

Commissioner Burman stated that Commissioner Demuth has been working with the high school to organize an Earth Day cleanup event. They are still looking for volunteers.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

8.a. Set Next Meeting Agenda for March 17, 2020

New members will be sworn in during the April 2020 meeting.

Since the commission will have seven members, in order to have quorum there will need to be five members present going forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Burman adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Paque
Recording Secretary