

Meeting Minutes

Crystal Environmental Quality Commission

Thursday, August 20, 2015, 7:00 PM
Crystal City Hall, Conference Room A
4141 Douglas Drive North, Crystal, MN 55428

In attendance: Commissioner Robyn Browning, Commissioner Kyle Turner, Commissioner Dave Anderson, Commissioner Leigha Haywood

Meeting Items:

1. Call to order- Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Approval of July 2015 Meeting Minutes- Motion to approve July 2015 minutes made by Leigha Haywood, seconded by Dave Anderson, and approved.
3. Fall TechDump event- Dave reported that the TechDump website says that there is an event in Crystal on 11/7/2015. Robyn to check with ReNae on plan for event. Consider postponing until spring 2016.
4. Sustainable purchasing policy- Determined that the first two items from Mahtomedi's policy and the cleaning products provision from Eagan's policy is what we would like to propose to City Council. Robyn will check with Anne Norris about what current cleaning products are being purchased and ask for feedback on our proposed policy.
5. Rain gardens- Determined that we will focus on a plan to clean-up and restore rain gardens over the winter, with implementation starting late spring 2016.
6. Speaker at EQC meeting- In the past the EQC has had someone from the city come and speak at a meeting. Robyn will ask Anne Norris about setting up a speaker to come inform the EQC about water quality and energy generated from solar panels at an EQC meeting this fall.
7. Improving biking in Crystal- Members decided that the EQC would like to focus on improving biking conditions in the city. To get started, the following tasks were assigned:
Leigha- obtain Hennepin County Bike Plan
Kyle- obtain map of bike trails/paths in Hennepin County; obtain map of City of Crystal to review for possible bike lanes/trails
Dave- obtain Comprehensive Plan for City of Crystal
Robyn- Ask Anne Norris if City Council needs to approve changes to county roads; contact GreenSteps Cities about resources for improving bike lanes/trails
Discussion will resume at September meeting
8. Other Business- Robyn will email Olga to ask about any changes to reappointments for the commissioners.
9. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn meeting made by Kyle Turner, seconded by Dave Anderson, and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.