

MINUTES - ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 2.21.2019

The meeting was called to order @ 6:00 PM, Thursday, February 21, 2019, in the North Conference room @ 21630 11th Avenue South, Des Moines with the following in attendance:

Council Members

Traci Buxton (Chair)
Robert Back
Matt Pina

Guests:

Bobby Butler – Highline College
Alice Madsen – Highline College

City Staff

Dan Brewer – Chief Operations Officer
Brandon Carver, PW Director
Loren Reinhold, SWM Utility Manager
Tyler Beekley, Civil Engineer II
Susan Cesar, Chief Strategic Officer
Denise Lathrop, P & D Services Manager
Matt Hutchins, Assistant City Attorney
Peggy Volin, Admin Asst. II

AGENDA:

1. 2019 Draft Work Plan
2. Highline College Urban Agriculture
3. Stormfest Interlocal Agreement

MEETING:

1. 2019 Draft Work Plan: Loren Reinhold, SWM Utilities Manager outlined the 2019 work plan which was adopted with one minor change.
2. Highline College Urban Agriculture: Bobby Butler and Alice Madsen from Highline College briefed the Committee on the College's Urban Agriculture Program and how it is looking to partner with the City to utilize land at Sonju, Parkside and Mary Gay Park. With the City's permission, Highline started using land at Sonju Park but in order to satisfy a grant with King County they need an additional 4 acres of property. They have asked the City to look at potentially using space at Parkside and Mary Gay Parks in addition to Sonju Park.
3. Stormfest Interlocal Agreement: Tyler Beekley, Civil Engineer II briefed the Committee on the proposed Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the cities of Des Moines, Buriem, Normandy Park, SeaTac and King County for the purpose of implementing an annual 6th grade, hands-on interactive, stormwater education program for Highline Public Schools. The first two years of Stormfest was supported by grant funding and was held at the Des Moines Beach Park for the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 classes of the Highline 6th grade students. This event supports and meets WA State NPDES Permit requirements for public education and outreach and this ILA would provide funding for the annual continuation of the event through 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

Minutes respectfully Submitted by: Peggy Volin, Admin Asst II

