

MINUTES - ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 4.17.2014

The meeting was called to order @ 4:58 PM, Thursday, April 17, 2014, in the North Conference Room @ 21630 11th Avenue South, Des Moines with the following in attendance:

Council Members

Dave Kaplan, Chair
Melissa Musser
Vic Pennington

Guests

Austin Fisher, Parametrix
Mike Merryfield
Bud Bohrel
Don Riecks
Anne Farmer
Carol DeVries
Tim Lehnhest

City Staff

Tony Piasecki, City Manager
Dan Brewer, Planning, Building & PW Director
Pat Bosmans, City Attorney
Tim George, Asst City Attorney
Denise Lathrop, Community Dev Manager
Loren Reinhold, SWM Utility Manager
Peggy Volin, Admin Asst II

AGENDA:

1. Approve minutes of 2.13.2014 meeting
2. Stormwater Comprehensive Plan Elements
3. Tree Trimming Draft Ordinance
4. Aquatic Lease for Des Moines Creek Basin

MEETING:

1. Approve minutes of the February 13, 2014 meeting: Unanimously passed.
2. Stormwater Comprehensive Plan Elements: Loren Reinhold introduced Austin Fisher, from Parametrix, the consultants working with him on the SWM Comprehensive Plan. Austin gave a brief overview of the Plan then went on to explain the Plan Overview and Goals; Schedule; and Summary of the Workshop and Results. He then handed out a Criteria Rating sheet and asked the Committee Members to rate the group results with the criteria being a high, medium or low which would prioritize the projects listed.
3. Tree Trimming Draft Ordinance: Denise Lathrop gave a brief overview of Draft Tree Trimming Ordinance No. 14-043 then walked the Committee Members through all the proposed changes within the ordinance.

She outlined the next steps as: a public hearing at the upcoming May 22, 2014 Council meeting; updating the DMMC 18.195.130; and specific code sections that will be addressed. The final step is to prepare a Public Assistance Memo (PAM) to clarify how the City interprets the code as it relates to the removal and maintenance of trees in the City.

4. Aquatic Lease for Des Moines Creek Basin High-flow By-Pass: Loren/Pat explained that the existing aquatic lease for Des Moines Creek bypass pipe is due to expire in October. The bypass is the old Midway Sewer District sewer outfall that discharges into the Sound. The Department of Natural Resources has proposed a draft new lease for the pipe that includes language for requiring pollution liability insurance and general liability insurance as well as requirements for reducing discharge flows in the future. The Des Creek Basin Committee has reviewed the draft lease and will be proposing changes to the document.

Meeting Adjourned @ 6:25 pm

Submitted by: Peggy Volin, Admin Asst II