

**Environment Committee Meetings
February 22, 2017
7:00-9:00pm**

In Attendance: Suyapa Miranda, Cailin Rogers, Chiara Marano, Tim Wulling, Steve Yetter, Michael Russelle, Betty Wheeler, Stephen Mastey

<p>7:00pm-Introductions and Approve Agenda</p> <p>7:08 Introductions</p> <p>Steve walked through agenda.</p>	<p>Moved Foam discussion up after Equity Framework.</p>
<p>7:05pm-Equity Framework for Ten Year Plan—Scott Simmons and Max Herzberg</p> <p>7:12</p> <p>Max talked about strategic plan and not making equity something you put at end of plan. References 9 questions for committees. 6 questions specifically for environment committee.</p> <p>Michael mentioned the Steering Committee will also be using these questions for the 10 Year Plan.</p> <p>Steve asked Scott and Max “Can you give us thoughts on how you might approach these topics from an equity lens?”</p> <p>Max-Engaging the whole community that lives here but also comes to play here. Quality of life and healthy living. Making policies they think are best and also major players.</p> <p>Scott-We want to partner and collaborate, not dictate.</p> <p>Cailin mentioned the desire is not to throw committees in headfirst; Max and Scott are here to help. It’s a lens. You have resources at your disposal.</p> <p>Steve-Will you both be active in 10 Year Plan? Have you ever done any review of other 10 Year Plans?</p> <p>Max-Mac Groveland and Met 20/40 plans have been good models. Max mentioned SAPCC are one of the only councils on top of it.</p>	<p>Cailin will send out Max and Scott’s emails for questions/clarification.</p>

<p>Betty-Will there be more extensive training for committee chairs?</p> <p>Scott-Not yet, we want to roll out intercultural development and understanding to the public.</p> <p>Steve-Has committee done any community outreach?</p> <p>Max-It's at the top of our list for coming months.</p> <p>Michael-Commentary or opinion piece for The Bugle? Another way to get conversation going outside of council.</p> <p>Steve-Final comments?</p> <p>Scott-Happy to meet individually or together at any time for discussion. Excited to collaborate.</p> <p>Max left at 7:30</p>	
<p>7:35pm-(Styro)foam Ban in St. Paul—Representatives from Hylden Advocacy & Law and Eureka Recycling</p> <p>7:30</p> <p>Nancy Hylden- Reason we are here-they were contacted by DART when their customers were concerned about proposed foam ban. We gathered information, had conversations with council members. Objective was to come here and bring facts and urge us to hear out what pros and cons are and evaluate pros and cons to ban. There can be consequences.</p> <p>Christine (recycling manager-DART) we do all products, take out, restaurants buy certain products for certain needs. Ordinance concerns certain businesses. \$\$\$ can cost more for businesses, reflects back onto DART. Lower income residents cannot afford raised costs. Here to answer any questions you have on foam. DART has recycled foam for 25 years. Purchased solo cups in 2011. Give restaurants the choice, compost or recycle, whatever works better.</p> <p>Nancy can you comment on materials that go into plastics?</p> <p>Foam is 95% air. Misconception is I'm going to switch from foam to paper.</p>	<p>DART will send the study to Suyapa to distribute.</p> <p>Eureka will send study to Suyapa to distribute.</p> <p>Can leave resolution information for us. There is a meeting on February 28th. Will send that information.</p> <p>Steve-Do you have sample language?</p> <p>Eureka Representative will send it.</p> <p>Eureka-The</p>

<p>Styrofoam is DOW chemical name for wall installation. Misconception on all these chemicals. Foam cup is expanded polystyrene.</p> <p>Everything is cleared through FDA.</p> <p>Stephen-Curious to learn more about, what about the process of making stuff? We have a lot of paper mills here. Support local? More concerned with if we make paper cup, it's a tree product vs. chemically produced product.</p> <p>DART-We had an outside study (third party) that we can send.</p> <p>Steve-say we had polystyrenes to recycle, where can we take it to recycle?</p> <p>Christine-No drop off yet. Would be a great thing for St. Paul to take on.</p> <p>Steve-Are you the largest manufactures of these products in America, have you done anything to make this easier to recycle.</p> <p>Christine-Yes one of them. We have a grant program. They help you out with every step. McCloud County was just awarded a grant.</p> <p>Eureka representative provides information-Not a ban on Styrofoam, looking at all to go packaging. Looking to make exclusions. Zero waste organization so we have a different outlook. We want an economically viable way to recycle material.</p> <p>Multiple alternatives to these products, strongly in favor to look at products that are bio based. Bio based is at top of Eureka's list.</p> <p>Ramsey county is offering grants to restaurants.</p> <p>Eureka does not support polystyrene.</p> <p>Eureka-The alternatives are there and available.</p>	<p>alternatives are there and available.</p> <p>Cailin-DIS will send more representatives to next meeting.</p> <p>Steve- we will not make resolution tonight.</p>
<p>7:45pm-MCPA Update—Betty Wheeler</p>	<p>Would like to add it</p>

<p>8:10 State will get 47 million dollar settlement from Volkswagen.</p> <p>Betty-I don't think we will make a resolution tonight but I wanted to provide you with some information for next month.</p> <p>Would like to see how we can do this low income/equity framework.</p> <p>Steve-Other thoughts on this?</p> <p>All-No.</p> <p>Steve-Clean Air Act is under assault right now so whatever money we can put back into it is great.</p>	<p>to agenda for next month.</p> <p>Betty will get everyone their own copy/email out.</p>
<p>8:15pm-Request for Letter of Support for plantings at SSAP Rec Center—Stephen Mastey</p> <p>Stephen introduced neighbors—Mary Ellen and Katherine.</p> <p>Ongoing plan for sprucing up park. Areas outside of soccer field. Want to add diversity. Between softball diamond on north end. Wildflowers, trees, and edibles.</p> <p>Submitting grant to SAP.</p> <p>Asking larger group to write letter of recommendation.</p> <p>Stephen distributed images.</p> <p>Suyapa-Who will be principle person getting funding?</p> <p>Wildflower is organization under SAPCC. Pitch for Wildflower. We are their fiscal agent.</p> <p>What's current relationship with Wildflower?</p> <p>It stands on its own under SAPCC as physical agency. Just to finance. Organizationally they are independent.</p> <p>Scott-Do you think it matters in terms of who primary grantee is?</p>	<p>Betty-Moved that we support the letter of recommendation. Steve-second? Michael-2nd Any other discussion All in favor? All: Aye No? None</p> <p>Time on the 9th for no more than 10 minutes on this. Plan on no more than 5 minutes for presentation.</p> <p>Board can do email vote. March 21st.</p>

<p>Council does not want to be in direct conflict with projects.</p> <p>Stephen-Where does this fit into community council priorities?</p> <p>Suyapa-Working it into 10 Year Plan, bat houses and bird houses.</p> <p>Steve-We have a receptive audience, I ask when the plan is ready to go, even if environment committee says yes if it doesn't go with board priorities.</p> <p>Board can do email vote. March 21st.</p> <p>Suyapa, can we do resolution now impending draft? Steve-board will want to see details before they sign off on anything.</p> <p>Stephen-when should we get draft to board?</p> <p>Suyapa pushed for resolution.</p>	
<p>8:25pm-Kasota Ponds Annual Clean Up</p> <p>8:40 Steve-Anybody see any conflicts on doing this on April 8 possibly April 9 as a rain date.</p> <p>People to be contacted -Railroad (number in spreadsheet)</p> <p>Food?</p> <p>Issue with metro metals. Sharp materials when found. Get Russ Stark more involved? Call NAPA, they are interested to volunteer and use their bathrooms.</p> <p>Council will work on getting information.</p> <p>Safety vests-Langford Gloves-Stephen Reach out to Langford because they have a new director.</p> <p>Stephen-Logistic question, what do you do with all the garbage.</p>	<p>Meeting minutes earlier this year has contact information</p> <p>Cailin with forward sheet to Michael and he will call Railroad.</p> <p>Facebook event? Cailin will create. Also put it on the newsletter and website.</p> <p>Steve will resend task list.</p>

<p>Steve-city needs to be contacted, we put it into piles and the city comes and picks it up.</p> <p>Getting something in The Bugle in early march.</p> <p>Facebook event? Cailin will create. Also put it on the newsletter and website.</p> <p>Steve will resend task list.</p>	
<p>8:40pm-Planning and Goals</p> <p>8:55 Betty wrote up and distributed permanent and long-term water goals.</p> <p>Have we done any analysis on any of these areas that we feel are being underrepresented? Equitable website.</p> <p>Cailin-Land use sold city 2.5 acres.</p> <p>Betty would be willing to write an open letter-Scott would help as well.</p> <p>Will get something on the calendar in the next few weeks.</p>	<p>Next month we will put goals on agenda early and to approve them</p> <p>Send Cailin any notes from last month's meeting</p> <p>Stephen Mastey is named interim chair—elected by consensus.</p>
<p>9:00pm-Adjourn 9:16pm-Adjourned</p>	