

MINUTES - ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 7.27.2017

The meeting was called to order @ 6:00 PM, Thursday, July 27, 2017, in the North Conference room @ 21630 11th Avenue South, Des Moines with the following in attendance:

Council Members

Robert Back, Chair
Melissa Musser - Absent
Matt Pina

Guests

Bill Linscott, Resident
John Taylor, Resident
Rorie Zajac, Resident
Debra Palmer Seiler, Resident
Anne Kroeker, Resident
Traci Buxton, Resident

City Staff

Loren Reinhold, SWM Utility Manager
Dan Brewer, Chief Operations Officer
Brandon Carver, PW Director
Michael Matthias, City Manager
Patrice Thorell, Parks Director
Matt Hutchins, Asst City Attorney
Peggy Volin, Admin Asst II

AGENDA:

1. Approve minutes of the 6.15.2017 meeting
2. Woodmont Beach Drive Trees
3. Poverty Bay Shellfish Protection District Update
4. Sustainability/Environmental Stewardship Update

MEETING:

1. Approve the minutes of the June 15, 2017 meeting: Unanimously approved.
2. Woodmont Beach Drive Trees: Chief Operations Officer Dan Brewer addressed the Committee and the Woodmont residents attending the meeting by giving a brief history of the area then quickly went over the consulting report received from Arborist Brian Gilles. This project is being broken down into a Phase I and Phase II process to address the tree issue along Woodmont Beach Drive South. Phase I will be the emergency removal of 12 trees that have been assessed as dead or in very poor health. Phase II will take a bit longer to compile as the City will be hiring a geotechnical consultant, landscape architect and additional arborist along with conducting a Critical Area Review and preparing a SEPA checklist for the project. Community meetings will be held to give citizens a chance to comment and voice their concerns before any tree removal work begins.
3. Poverty Bay Shellfish Protection Update: Water Quality Specialist Tyler Beekley provided an update to the Committee regarding the proposed district boundaries being

recommended by the Technical Committee. Moving forward staff will work to provide comment on legislative adoption of the district by King County Council.

4. Sustainability/Environmental Stewardship Update: City Manager Michael Matthias and Chief Operations Officer Dan Brewer provided an update to the Committee on the sustainability actions the City is working on and outlined some methods other cities are using. A Paris Agreement Adoption Toolkit was discussed which provides a template for a Council Resolution to enable the Mayor to join “Climate Mayors” which is currently a network of 350 US mayors working together to strengthen local efforts for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and supporting efforts for binding federal and global-level policy making.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

Minutes respectfully Submitted by: Peggy Volin, Admin Asst II