

MINUTES - ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 11/14/2013

The meeting was called to order @ 5:32 PM, Thursday, November 14, 2013, in the North Conference Room @ 21630 11th Avenue South, Des Moines with the following in attendance:

Council Members

Dave Kaplan, Chair
Melissa Musser
Jeremy Nutting

Guests

Austen Fisher, Parametrix
Brian Roswell, Citizen

City Staff

Tony Piasecki, City Manager
Dan Brewer, Planning, Building & PW Director
Loren Reinhold, SWM Utility Manager
Denise Lathrop, Community Dev Manager
Lorri Ericson, Asst City Manager
Peggy Volin, Admin Asst II

AGENDA:

1. Approve minutes of October 10, 2013
2. Comprehensive SWM Plan
3. Tree Trimming/Tree Clearing Discussion
4. Draft 2014 Work Program
5. NPDES Permit Monitoring & Assessment

MEETING:

1. Minutes of October 10, 2013, were unanimously approved.
2. Comprehensive SWM Plan: Loren Reinhold began by stating the original 1991 SWM Comp Plan was put together by Parametrix, then introduced Austin Fisher from Parametrix who briefly went through the 2014 Stormwater Comprehensive Plan – Scope of Work. The five areas outlined by the 2014 Plan include: 1) Understanding and categorizing the City's current storm water assets; 2) Regulatory compliance; 3) Evaluating existing problems and future needs to arrive at an effective CIP; 4) Public involvement; and 5) Fiscal analysis.
3. Tree Trimming/Tree Clearing Discussion: Denise Lathrop provided a memo to the Committee that gave an overview of how the Community Development Division interprets the Des Moines Municipal Code requirements related to requests by citizens/others to prune, top or remove trees within the City of Des Moines. She outlined the regulatory framework for Federal, State and Local, and pointed out areas of ambiguity, and also went over options for clarifying policy and regulations relating to trees.
4. Draft 2014 Work Program: Loren Reinhold led the discussion on the 2014 Environment Committee Draft Work Program. He pointed out a full 10-year Comp Plan will go to the Council in the fall and will require a 60-day review period before it can be passed.

5. NPDES Permit Monitoring and Assessment: A draft letter was prepared for the Department of Ecology stating that Des Moines has chosen to opt into the Regional Stormwater Management Program under S8 of the 2013-2018 Municipal Permit. Option #1 means the City shall pay into the collective fund beginning annually August 15, 2014.

Meeting Adjourned @ 6:52 pm

Submitted by: Peggy Volin, Admin Asst II