

MINUTES - ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 7.17.2014

The meeting was called to order @ 6:04 PM, Thursday, July 17, 2014, in the Council Chambers @ 21630 11th Avenue South, Des Moines with the following in attendance:

Council Members

Dave Kaplan, Chair
Melissa Musser
Vic Pennington

City Staff

Tony Piasecki, City Manager
Dan Brewer, Planning, Building & PW Director
Denise Lathrop, Community Dev Manager
Peggy Volin, Admin Asst II

Guests

See attached "Sign-in Sheet"

AGENDA:

1. Approve minutes of 4.17.2014 meeting
2. Discussion of Draft Tree Regulations

MEETING:

1. Approve minutes of the April 17, 2014 meeting: Unanimously passed.
2. Discussion of Draft Tree Regulations: Denise Lathrop gave a brief review of the previous direction provided by the Committee at the February 2014 meeting by providing a memo that outlined the direction requested, and an overview the next steps in amending the Des Moines Municipal Code (Titles 12, 14, 16, 17 and 18) to reflect the policy direction, address areas of ambiguity, remove areas of contradiction, and to provide greater overall clarity on how the City regulates the cutting and maintenance of trees in the City. Staff proposed an alternate approach to move the proposed tree regulations into Title 16 which was supported by the Committee.

She also provided a draft Public Assistance Memo (PAM) relating to tree standards and provided examples of tree regulations from the City's of Shoreline, Bellevue, Mercer Island and Kent.

Staff was directed to prepare a substitute draft Ordinance for Council consideration at a public hearing in September.

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:15 pm

Submitted by: Peggy Volin, Admin Asst II