

# Natural Resources Commission

Meeting Minutes July 7, 2021 (WebEx)

## Attendance:

**Commissioners:** Mike Pennington, Judy Gibbs, Brandon Krumwiede, Brian Fredrickson, Mike Schrage, John Lindgren, Tiffany Sprague, Nancy Schuldt.

**City Staff:** Diane Desotelle, Natural Resources Coordinator; Clark Christenson, City Forester; Jim Filby Williams, Director of Property, Parks & Libraries; Jennifer Ondrik, Administrative Clerical Specialist.

## Call to Order:

The meeting started at 6:11 p.m.

## New Business

### EPA Decision Support Tool – Joint Session with the Natural Resource Management Program Plan’s Technical Team Natural Resource Management Program Plan

Diane Desotelle, Natural Resources Coordinator gave a brief update on the Natural Resources Management Program Plan (NRMPP). The plan goal is to create tools and a process for Duluth and its’ partners to prioritize and complete natural resource related management work across the city.

A major component of the NRMPP is a decision support tool developed by the EPA Office of Research and Development aimed to review projects based on funding, staff, and natural resource components to help create a structure for project prioritization and implementation in conjunction with the City’s partners.

The major emphasis of the meeting was to present and discuss this decision support tool. Representatives from MN Land Trust together with the City’s NRMPP contractor, Emmons Olivier Resources and Hoisington Koegler Group participated in the working session with the Natural Resource Commissioners and members of the NRMPP – advisory Technical Team.

Comments and suggestions will be collected and Diane will work with the City’s partners and contractors to further refine and finalize this decision support tool as a component of the NRMPP.

### Natural Resources Coordinator Report

Due to time constraints at the meeting Diane Desotelle provided the attached report to the Commissioners.

### Forester’s Report

Due to time constraints at the meeting Clark Christenson provided the attached report to the Commissioners.

### **Director's Report (Jim Filby Williams – Director of Property, Parks, & Libraries)**

Director Filby Williams did not have an update for the Commissioners.

### **Announcements**

This will be our last virtual meeting, next month we will be meeting in person.

### **Public Comment**

David Schafroth requested additional information on the GIS process related to development suitability in the City.

Tom Cortruvo inquired about trees along London Road.

### **Adjournment**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55, M/S/C.