

# Natural Resources Commission

## Meeting Minutes January 5, 2022 (Virtual Meeting)

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

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

### Call to Order:

The meeting started at 6:03 p.m.

### Old Business

#### Strategic Public Lands Re-alignment Project

Director Filby Williams outlined the draft protection memo and answered Commissioner questions. He indicated that in the future the City may look to add a third layer of protection to the ~9% of parcels that do not fit the criteria for recreational designation (parkland) or contain the extraordinary and/or unique physical attributes to qualify as natural area lands (DNAP). He indicated that City staff would be finalizing the memo over the next two to three weeks with input from the Commission and pledged he would work to get a revised memo out one week prior to the next NRC meeting.

#### Natural Resources Management Program Plan

Commissioners provided feedback on the draft online Story Map and made suggestions for the web design contractor. The group discussed the pros and cons of not being able to print out a hardcopy of the report and clarified the intended audience. Diane explained that the primary intent of the plan was to create a living document for the Natural Resource Coordinator and agency partners to coordinate, prioritize, and compile ongoing work but emphasized the secondary goal of educating and informing the public. The Commission suggested the contractor explore overall functionality on multi devices (computers, iPads, MAC, smartphones) and requested that executive summaries be included for each of the six chapters.

### New Business

#### 2022 Regular Meeting Schedule

The Commission will continue to meet monthly on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM in 2022.

#### Natural Resources Coordinators Report

Diane did not have additional information to report on to the Commission.

#### Forester's Report

Clark provided a "2021 Year in Review" of the Forestry division; see attached report.

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

Director Filby Williams did not have additional information to share with the Commission but answered a few questions related to the plan to hire behind Diane. He indicated that there may be an opportunity for a few Commissioners to assist and/or participate in the upcoming interview process.

### **Public Comment**

Julie O’Leary requested clarification on the proposed 2022 meeting schedule related to Diane’s departure and the hiring of a new Natural Resources Coordinator.

### **Adjournment**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44, M/S/C