

**ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY BOARD  
CITY OF RAMSEY  
ANOKA COUNTY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

On Monday, August 26, 2013, the Environmental Policy Board (EPB) met in the Rum River Conference Room at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive N.W., Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present:     Chairperson Michael Max  
                          Board Member Bob Bentz  
                          Board Member Michael Hiatt  
                          Board Member Michael Valentine

Members Absent:     Board Member Larry Lewis  
                          Board Member Pendergast  
                          Board Member Thomas Stodola

Also Present:         Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Chris Anderson  
                          City Council Liaison John LeTourneau

**1.     CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Max called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**2.     CITIZEN INPUT**

None.

**3.     APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Board Member Valentine and seconded by Board Member Bentz to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion carried.   Voting Yes: Chairperson Max, Board Members Hiatt, Valentine and Bentz.  
Voting No: None.   Absent: Board Members Pendergast, Stodola, and Lewis.

**4.     APPROVE MINUTES**

**4.01:   Approve Meeting Minutes Dated August 5, 2013**

Motion by Board Member Bentz and seconded by Board Member Hiatt to approve the regular meeting minutes dated August 5, 2013.

Motion carried.   Voting Yes: Chairperson Max, Board Members Bentz, Valentine and Hiatt.  
Voting No: None.   Absent: Board Members Pendergast, Stodola, and Lewis.

## **5. POLICY BOARD BUSINESS**

### **5.01: Environmental Expo Update**

Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Anderson presented the staff report.

Chairperson Max stated that Anoka Ramsey Farm and Garden was confirmed as an exhibitor and he was still waiting to hear from the USGS and Master Naturalists.

Board Member Hiatt review the Board's booth display for the expo event.

General discussion ensued about the display board.

There was consensus that the display was coming along very nicely.

Chairperson Max suggested that the mission statement of the Board be simplified, possibly using bullet points.

Board Member Hiatt stated that an aerial photo indicating the location of the two demonstration projects should be added to the display.

Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Anderson stated that he could put that together.

Board Member Bentz asked if there was any type of lock for the laptop during the expo event.

Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Anderson stated he would have to inquire about that but noted that a Board Member will always need to be at the booth to ensure that the laptop used for the survey does not disappear.

### **5.02: Consider Potential Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Housing Assistance Policy**

Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Anderson presented the staff report.

Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Anderson stated that certain actions could be covered by multiple topics, for instance, the use of native plantings could fall under stormwater as well as sustainable landscapes. He requested clarification from the Board about whether to include such an action under both, which would potentially allow double credit for a single action, or just place it under the most applicable category.

The Board stated that their preference would be just to assign it under the most applicable category.

Board Member Bentz inquired if the Housing Assistance Policy and the BMPs would be cross referenced to direct the reader to other chapters that may have similar information.

Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Anderson stated that he didn't think that would be necessary as the BMPs section would not be too lengthy and that it likely would be simpler just to glance through the information.

Chairperson Max stated that he thought a great future demonstration project would be to find a partner for a rainwater harvesting system.

General discussion ensued about various stormwater practices.

## **6. BOARD / STAFF INPUT**

Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Anderson noted that ACE Solid Waste held their 3<sup>rd</sup> monthly recycling collection event at the Public Works site this past weekend. He stated that he did not have info tonnage or vehicle count info yet but did note that from the first to second event, traffic counts doubled and that leading up to the third event he had taken multiple phone calls from people with questions about the event.

Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Anderson stated that the City will be hosting the regular Fall Recycling Day event on Saturday, September 28.

Councilmember LeTourneau noted that there was going to be a public input meeting on September 16 about the upcoming Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area rulemaking process that the MN DNR is undertaking and encouraged the Board to attend if they were available.

Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Anderson stated that both the Board's Work Plan and EAB Management Plan were on tomorrow evening's City Council Consent Agenda.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Board Member Valentine and seconded by Board Member Hiatt to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chris Anderson  
Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator