

City of Ramsey
Agenda
Environmental Policy Board (EPB)
Monday, April 18, 2022
6:30 pm
Council Chambers, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Citizen Input**
3. **Approve Agenda**
4. **Approve Minutes**
 1. Approve Meeting Minutes Dated March 21, 2022
5. **Policy Board Business**
 1. Appoint Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
 2. Introduction to Conservation Minnesota
6. **Board/Staff Input**
 1. Arbor Day Planting Event
7. **Adjournment**

Environmental Policy Board (EPB)

4. 1.

Meeting Date: 04/18/2022

By: Chris Anderson, Community
Development

Information

Title:

Approve Meeting Minutes Dated March 21, 2022

Action:

Attachments

Meeting Minutes Dated March 21, 2022

Form Review

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

On Monday, March 21, 2022, the Environmental Policy Board (EPB) met in the Council Chambers at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive N.W., Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson Laura Moore
Board Member Reid Bernard
Board Member Melissa Fetterley
Board Member Michael Hiatt
Board Member Jared Little

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Senior Planner Chris Anderson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Moore called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Board Member Hiatt and seconded by Board Member Little to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Moore, Board Member Hiatt, Little, Bernard, and Fetterley. Voting No: None. Absent: Board Member Valentine.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve Meeting Minutes Dated February 28, 2022

Motion by Board Member Fetterley and seconded by Board Member Little to approve the regular meeting minutes dated February 28, 2022.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Moore, Board Member Fetterley, Little, Bernard, and Hiatt. Voting No: None. Absent: Board Member Valentine.

5. POLICY BOARD BUSINESS

5.01: Consider Natural Resources Related Elements for Rivenwick Village 4th Addition

Senior Planner Anderson presented the staff report. He stated that the City has received an application from LGI Homes – Minnesota LLC for a Preliminary Plat for Rivenwick Village 4th Addition, located north of Riverdale Drive and west of Jasper Street NW. The purpose of the case is to review the natural resources related aspects of the project.

Board Member Little commented that he likes the choice of trees.

Board Member Fetterley commented that this appears to be well thought out and laid out.

Board Member Hiatt asked if this is a different company than that which developed the other phases.

Senior Planner Anderson confirmed that this would be a different developer, but one member of the team does have prior knowledge of the 3rd addition.

Motion by Board Member Hiatt and seconded by Board Member Little to recommend approval of the Landscape Plan, contingent upon compliance with staff comments.

Further discussion: Senior Planner Anderson welcomed any input the applicant may want to provide. Jay Roos, LGI Homes, stated that he did not have any additional comments and was present to address any questions the Board may have.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Moore, Board Member Hiatt, Little, Bernard, and Fetterley. Voting No: None. Absent: Board Member Valentine.

Senior Planner Anderson stated that the Planning Commission will also review this item at its meeting on Thursday, March 24th.

6. BOARD / STAFF INPUT

- **Earth Day Event Flyer**

Senior Planner Anderson stated that the Parks Department has developed an Earth Day event(s) and provided details. He also noted the upcoming spring recycling event and highlighted the different marketing being done for that event.

Chairperson Moore commented that the City makes it very easy to participate in the park cleanup events. She commented that her family will be participating in the event. She recognized that this is typically the time of year when potential Board and Commission members are interviewed and asked for an update on that process.

Senior Planner Anderson commented that a new member has been appointed to the Board by the City Council and believed that he would be joining the group in April.

Chairperson Moore asked if the City was able to coordinate with any elementary schools for Arbor Day events.

Senior Planner Anderson commented that with staffing levels in his division he has not had time to attempt to organize something. He stated that he could attempt to make connections with schools the City has partnered with in the past as well as Brookside.

Board Member Hiatt asked if the PACT Charter School proposal will come back to the Board in the future, given the decision of the City Council.

Senior Planner Anderson confirmed that the project will come back before the Board in its normal review process. He explained that the EPB typically does not review potential projects at that stage but was included because of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment that would be necessary to support the project. He commented that the next step would be preliminary plat and site plan and would include the more detailed plans the Board is used to reviewing.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Board Member Little and seconded by Board Member Fetterley to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Anderson
Senior Planner

ATTEST:

Nicole Laubach
Planning Administrative Assistant

Drafted by Amanda Staple
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.

Environmental Policy Board (EPB)

5. 1.

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Appoint Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Purpose/Background:

Each year, the Commissions and Boards appoint officers. Currently, Mr. Michael Valentine serves as Chairperson and Mr. Mike Hiatt serves as the Vice Chair. The current appointments run through April 18, 2022. The new appointments will run through April 17, 2023.

Action:

Motion to appoint _____ as Chairperson of the Environmental Policy Board.

-and-

Motion to appoint _____ as Vice Chairperson of the Environmental Policy Board.

Attachments

No file(s) attached.

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Environmental Policy Board (EPB)

5. 2.

Meeting Date: 04/18/2022**By:** Chris Anderson, Community
Development

Information**Title:**

Introduction to Conservation Minnesota

Purpose/Background:

Conservation Minnesota is a statewide, nonpartisan, nonprofit that works on a variety of conservation issues throughout Minnesota. Conservation Minnesota has focused on issues from water, to land use, to waste and toxics, to climate and energy. Conservation Minnesota's Local Government Project Manager, John Anderson, reached out to City Staff about the possibility of attending one of the Environmental Policy Board (EPB) meetings to not only introduce himself and Conservation Minnesota, but to also learn more about what types of projects the EPB is, or may be, working on to see if there's a partnership opportunity.

Action:

No action is needed.

Attachments*No file(s) attached.*

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Environmental Policy Board (EPB)

6. 1.

Meeting Date: 04/18/2022

By: Chris Anderson, Community
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Information

Title:

Arbor Day Planting Event

Purpose/Background:

A local Ramsey business, Dedicated Networks, contacted the City of Ramsey's Parks Department about participating in the Earth Day clean up activities. They had also inquired about the potential for some sort of Arbor Day activity as well. Staff has organized a planting event on the morning of Friday, April 29, 2022 (Arbor Day), at and adjacent to Dedicated Networks (14000 Unity Street NW). Board Members are welcome to attend. See attached flyer.

Action:

Attachments

Arbor Day Planting Event Flyer

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Ramsey Parks & Recreation Presents: Arbor Day Celebration



Join us in celebrating Arbor Day by planting trees within the Unity Street boulevard.

Did you know Arbor Day was first celebrated in 1872? That makes this year the 150th Arbor Day!

This is the 31st year the City of Ramsey is receiving the Tree City USA national recognition. In order to receive a Tree City distinction, a city must meet four standards: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

Thank you to Dedicated Networks for donating trees for this event!

Location: Dedicated Networks

14000 Unity St NW
Ramsey, MN 55303

Date: Friday, April 29

Time: 9:30 - 11:30am

Contact:

Marla Martinez-Flynn

Recreation Specialist

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763-433-9883

