



City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota Minutes

Blaine City Hall
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Nat'l Resources Conservation Board

The Natural Resource Conservation Board is an advisory body to the City Council. The Board is charged with recommending acquisition of lands for open space and developing a Natural Resource Plan which includes environmental policy and guidelines for the maintenance and preservation of Blaine's existing and future opens spaces and trail corridors. One of the Board's functions is to hold public meetings and make recommendations to the City Council. For each item, the Board will receive reports prepared by City staff, provide the opportunity for public response, conduct Board discussions and make recommendations. The City Council, however, makes all final decisions on these matters.

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

2. Roll Call

Roll Call - Chair Perkins, Boardmembers Filipi, Genet, Panning, Rafferty.

Absent - Boardmembers McKinley, Truchon.

Others Present: Recreation Manager Nate Monahan, and Stormwater Coordinator Megan Hedstrom.

Present: 5 - Rafferty, Chair Perkins, Genet, Panning, and Filipi

Excused: 2 - Vedi, and Tripler

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair McKinley, and Truchon

3. Approval of Minutes

3.-1

Approval of the August 16, 2022 NRCB Minutes

Attachments: [08-16-22 NRCB](#)

MOVED by Boardmember Rafferty, seconded by Boardmember Genet, to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2022 board meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Rafferty, Chair Perkins, Genet, Panning, and Filipi

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

5. New Business

5.-1 Recommendation of the 2023 - 2027 Open Space Capital Improvement Plan

Attachments: [2023 Open Space Budget](#)

Mr. Monahan stated a panel of city staff including the city manager, finance staff, public works and engineering staff, and parks and recreation staff have reviewed the five-year capital improvement plan (CIP) for the City's Open Space Fund. Staff is seeking NRCB review of the 2023-2027 CIP. Staff provided the board with a summary of the recommendations and requested feedback.

Further discussion ensued regarding the projected expenditures for the Sunrise Trail.

Boardmember Genet requested staff take a look at some of the uneven boards within the boardwalk and have them painted to reduce the risk of residents tripping and falling.

The Board supported the trail connection that would be made along Lexington Avenue from the athletic complex to Kwik Trip.

MOVED by Boardmember Genet, seconded by Boardmember Filipi, to advise the city council approve the 2023-2027 Open Space Capital Improvement Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Rafferty, Chair Perkins, Genet, Panning, and Filipi

5.-2 NRCB Updates

Attachments: [1760- Normandale-2999, MN 220705 FINAL](#)
[NRG01-Normandale,MN CU UT 220415](#)

Mr. Monahan provided the board with an update on the following projects:

Wetland Credit Update

Ms. Hedstrom provided the board with an update on wetland credit sales to date.

BWS Structure & Finance Subcommittees

Ms. Hedstrom provided the board with an update on the first meeting that took place on October 3. Staff discussed the layout and design of the Springbrook Nature Center. Staff commented further on the bathroom and utility requirements for the BWS structure, while also noting the projected expenditures.

Boardmember Panning asked if another site had been considered for the pavilion. Ms. Hedstrom commented this was not discussed by the subcommittee.

Boardmember Genet suggested the city look into purchasing the property adjacent to the BWS parking lot because this property would provide well and septic for the pavilion.

BWS Trail RFP

Staff will update the board on the RFP for the BWS trail system.

BWS Monument

The Blaine Wetland Sanctuary Monument sign is nearing completion with lighting and landscaping left on the project.

Upcoming NRCB Meetings

The next NRCB meeting will be held on November 15, 2022.

Adjournment

Chair Perkins adjourned the meeting at 7:40PM.