

**WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2023**

5:45 p.m. Conduct Interview for Boards and Commissions Vacancy

Mayor Mouton called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Council Members present in-person in the community room at City Hall offices: MacDonald, Iverson, Parkhill, and Plechash. Also present: City Manager Jeff Dahl, and Community Development Director Emily Goellner.

The City solicited applications for vacancies on several Committees and Commissions, but the Parks and Trails Board still has a vacancy. The council interviewed Bianca Jensen as a potential candidate. The interview was held in-person in the Community Room at City Hall.

At the regular meeting, the City Council will consider an appointment to fill the vacancy by resolution.

6:00 p.m. Annual Update of Energy and Environment Committee

Parks Planner Kieser introduced Committee Member Ed Schute to review the accomplishments of the Energy and Environment Committee in 2022 and discuss the objectives of the Committee in 2023. Committee Member KC Chermak was also in attendance to provide additional insight of the Committee work.

The Energy and Environment Committee was created at the end of 2019 and started work in 2020. In December 2020, the Energy Action Plan was approved and since that date, the Committee has worked to implement the action items in the Plan. The Partners in Energy Program ended at the end of 2022, so now the E&E Committee has been discussing what the focus areas should be to advance sustainability within the community.

Mr. Schute went through the proposed work plan for 2023 and noted that through recent discussions, the Committee would like to transition from an energy focus to a water conservation/quality focus. Along with more of a focus on water-related items, the Committee also plans to build upon the projects that have already been completed and the relationships created with those projects. The Council noted that for the water-related items it would be beneficial to focus on small scale/residential type projects like discounted rain barrels. Bring forward ideas that most community members can participate in and benefit from.

Related to the ongoing energy projects, the Council would like to have continuous updates on the amount of energy the city is conserving and the amount of money that is saving the city. Mr. Schute also touched on the municipal EV fleet study that was conducted which will come forward to the Council at a future workshop to review and discuss. The idea was brought up of incorporating an autonomous EV bus/trolley that community members could use throughout the city.

In addition, the Council noted the importance of multi-family outreach and education since those are difficult stakeholders to engage with to make improvements. There are many options for multi-family properties, but the projects normally need to be started and approved by the property manager, owner, HOA, etc.

The Committee was grateful for the discussion and the ideas that were brought up. The Committee will review the ideas and bring forward any recommendations to the City Council that seem beneficial to their mission.

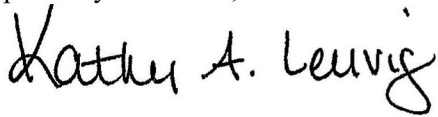
6:15 p.m. Annual Update of the Heritage Preservation Board

City Manager Dahl introduced Board Member Judy Starkey to review the accomplishments of the Heritage Preservation Board in 2022 and discuss the objectives of the Board in 2023.

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2 The Heritage Preservation Board is a group of 4 community members, appointed by the City Council,
3 whose staff liaison is Assistant Planner Valerie Quarles. In 2022, the Board struggled with decreased
4 membership, but still heavily contributed to the Section Foreman House design process and other
5 initiatives throughout the year. In 2023, one new member has joined the board and other process changes
6 are being made in order to ensure resiliency and tackle an ambitious agenda for the year. Recruitment
7 continues to be a focus and challenge. Ms. Starkey added that she hopes the HPB and Council are able to
8 gather momentum to save additional buildings from demolition in the community.
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10 The workshop meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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12 Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy A. Leervig". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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14 Kathy Leervig, City Clerk