



City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota Minutes - Final

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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 16, 2012

7:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:46 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Also Present: Staff Liaison, Jim Hafner; and Recording Secretary, Beth Bostrom.

Chairman McKinley stated that due to a lack of a quorum the business meeting is cancelled. As there are only three members present a roll call vote cannot be done. She asked if there is any business to conduct. Staff requested to provide a year to date report on open space improvement projects.

Present: 4 - Chair McKinley, Kustermann, Rafferty, and Gunter

Absent: 3 - Schrunck, Castillo, and Truchon

3. Approval of Minutes

Chair McKinley stated that approval of the minutes is postponed. She explained that she would like to clarify a paragraph toward the end of 5c with Boardmember Truchon.

MOVED by Boardmember McKinley, seconded by Boardmember Gunter to postpone approval of the September 18, 2012 minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Agenda

Chairman McKinley stated that the agenda contains the CIP and she would prefer to delay discussion of this so more Boardmembers are present. She asked if there are any questions at this point. She reviewed that a CIP handout had been given and noted many items are pending to carry over until next year. She stated that the Board will vote on the 2013 CIP next month.

5. Open Forum for Citizen Input

There was none.

6. New Business

6.a Projects update

The Staff Liaison stated that the projects approved for this year have been completed. He noted that at Laddie Lake buckthorn and black locust have been cleared out and a prairie restoration has been initiated. He commented that herbicide was applied and plantings followed. He added that a good amount of native seed bank was found to be growing. He reviewed that they walked around with the contractor a few weeks ago. He commented that a few weeks ago a follow-up buckthorn spraying was done. This was also done at Aquatore Park. He commented that restorative plantings at Oaks Savannah were done. He added that a few plants were put on platted lots. He reviewed the lot lines with the contractor who will move these plantings in the spring. He noted that the burn in Kane Meadows was not completed as it was too dry. This is the only item not completed on the CIP. It will be done in spring. He reported that some restoration work was done at Hidden Ponds. He noted that the contractor completed their work and has provided recommendations for follow-up work.

6.b Explanation of Open Space fund status

This item was not discussed.

6.c Discuss items for 2013 CIP

Chairman McKinley asked that the contractor's recommendations be available at the next meeting to consider for the CIP. She requested that

Boardmembers bring their CIP ideas next month to include in the plans for how to use their funds. She reminded the Board that last year it was decided the NRCB will not meet in December, which means that the CIP needs to be approved next month. She added that as they are not able to conduct further business the meeting is adjourned.

7. Other Business

None.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Gunter, seconded by Rafferty, that this meeting be Adjourned. The Motion was adopted unanimously. The meeting Adjourned at 7:57 p.m.