

Jan. 18, 2018, Crystal Environmental Quality Commission Minutes

1. Call to Order – meeting called to order at 7:01 pm
2. Welcome and introduction of new members
 - a. Roster – David Anderson, Breeka Li Goodlander, Regina Small, Joshua Warren, Nancy LaRoche, Kim Therres, Bill Sipe
 - b. By-laws passed out. If any members will be absent to meetings it is asked that they call into to the city or email.
 - c. Elections held in February – Elections will be next meeting.
3. Discussion of work plan and activities for 2018

Previous Activities and Ideas

MAC Park clean up – EQC is still interested in doing an annual clean-up. Will schedule date at future meeting. May or June would be ideal. City provides tools and bags. Waste is brought back to City Hall.

-Does EQC want to adopt the park?

Tech dump collections – Skip this year as it is a city-wide clean-up year.

- Suggestion of doing a holiday lights collection at year end.

Green Step City program and Green Purchasing Guidelines – Anne Norris provided more info. EQC will revisit this topic at next meeting.

-Crystal is at Step 2

U of M Bee Squad – EQC interest. Will revisit at future meeting.

Pollinator health awareness and bee sites in Crystal

Zero Waste Education - Reduce, reuse, recycle and waste education

Compost education – EQC has interest. Will discuss at future meetings.

-interest in providing outreach at city events.

Watershed clean-up and education – EQC interest. Will discuss at future meetings.

– 2016 MS4 report insert at meeting.

Rain garden maintenance and education- EQC interest.

-provide education outreach for sites that already exist.

Seed Exchange – Dropped topic. There are already other plant exchange events that would cover this topic.

Adopt-a-Storm Drain - EQC interest. Will continue to discuss at future meetings.

Park & Rec plus Public Works: Arbor day, tree health awareness, backyard gardening education, invasive species removal, park and street clean-up, beautification project

Additional Ideas

- interest in touring HERK or the Hennepin County Household Hazardous Waste collections site.
- get involved with public and spreading the word.

4. Adjourn – 8:21 p.m.