

Minutes

White Bear Lake Comprehensive Plan Work Group



Meeting Date: April 25, 2024

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Vadnais Heights Commons

Members Present:

- ✓ Bryan Bear, City of Hugo
- ✓ Clark Schroeder, City of Lake Elmo
- ✓ Bob Goebel, City of Mahtomedi
- ✓ Craig Schlichting, City of New Brighton
- ✓ Morgan Dawley, City of North Saint Paul
- ✓ Jim Hauth, City of Vadnais Heights
- ✓ Paul Kauppi, City of White Bear Lake
- ✓ David Weum, Department of Health
- ✓ Jason Moeckel, Department of Natural Resources
- ✓ Liz Kaufenberg, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- ✓ Pat Christopherson, White Bear Township
- ✓ Phil Klein, Metropolitan Area Water Supply
- Advisory Committee (MAWSAC)
- ✓ Greg Johnson, Metropolitan Council
- ✓ Judy Sventek, Metropolitan Council
- ✓ Shannon Skally, Metropolitan Council
- ✓ Sam Paske, Metropolitan Council

Alternate Members Present:

- ✓ Brian Bachmeier, City of Oakdale
- ✓ Jesse Farrell, City of Stillwater
- ✓ Jason Hostetter, City of Woodbury

Call to Order

Judy Sventek called the meeting of the White Bear Lake Comprehensive Plan Work Group to order at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda Approved

Work Group members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Information Items and Committee Work

- Welcome and introductions
Judy Sventek welcomed the group and introduced staff. Judy introduced Brigitte Bjorklund, meeting facilitator, Zan Associates. Work group members introduced themselves, the organization they represent, and shared one goal they hoped to achieve during the meeting.

- Finalized problem statement
Brigitte shared combined problem statement work group members developed during work group meeting #2. Work group members discussed and incorporated minor changes to the problem statement and ultimately reached a consensus on the final problem statement: Ensure equitable access to sufficient, safe, and affordable water for communities in the North and East Metro areas to meet current and future needs while safeguarding the sustainability of surface water and groundwater resources.
- Roundtable discussions
Work group members were split into four groups where they participated in an exercise to brainstorm advantages, disadvantages, and what additional information needs to be gathered for potential solutions to address the sub-legislation. After going through each sub-legislation, work group members voted for three potential solutions they thought should be further evaluated.

Next Steps

- Presentations from guest speakers:
 - St. Paul Regional Water Services Overview (Racquel Vaske, Rich Hibbard, and CheFei Chen, SPRWS)
 - New Brighton/Minneapolis Interconnection (Craig Schlichting, City of New Brighton)
 - Water Quality Planning to Transition from Groundwater to Lake Michigan Water (Tony Myers, Jacobs and Kelly Zylstra, City of Waukesha)
- Question and answer panel with guest speakers
- Share outcomes on solutions that should be further evaluated to address sub-legislation

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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