

Minutes

White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan Work Group



Meeting Date: May 22, 2024

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Hugo City Hall

Members Present:

- ✓ Bryan Bear
City of Hugo
- ✓ Clark Schroeder
City of Lake Elmo
- ✓ Michael Grochala
City of Lino Lakes
- ✓ Bob Goebel
City of Mahtomedi
- ✓ Craig Schlichting
City of New Brighton
- ✓ Kevin Kress
City of North Oaks
- ✓ Morgan Dawley
City of North St. Paul
- ✓ Tom Wesolowski
City of Shoreview
- ✓ Jim Hauth
City of Vadnais Heights
- ✓ Shawn Sanders
City of Stillwater
- ✓ Paul Kauppi
City of White Bear Lake
- ✓ Mary Van Milligen
City of Woodbury
- ✓ Jason Moeckel
Dept. of Natural Resources
- ✓ Liz Kaufenberg
Minnesota Pollution
Control Agency
- ✓ Phil Klein
Metropolitan Area
Water Supply Advisory
Committee (MAWSAC)
- ✓ Racquel Vaske
Saint Paul
Regional Water
Services
- ✓ Greg Johnson
Metropolitan
Council
- ✓ Judy Sventek
Metropolitan
Council
- ✓ Sam Paske
Metropolitan
Council

Alternate Members Present:

- ✓ Brian Bachmeier, City of Oakdale
- ✓ Erin Spry, City of Vadnais Heights
- ✓ Karla Peterson, Minnesota Department of Health

Call to Order

Greg Johnson 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

1. Welcome and introductions

Brigitte Bjorklund, meeting facilitator, Zan Associates, welcomed the group. Work group members introduced themselves and the organization they represent to the larger group. Members then shared one item they were interested in learning more about with their tables.

2. St. Paul Regional Water Services Overview Presentation
Racquel Vaske, Rich Hibbard, and CheFei Chen, from the St. Paul Regional Water Services presented to the work group on the water services they provide to Saint Paul and surrounding suburban communities.
3. New Brighton/Minneapolis Interconnection Presentation
Craig Schlichting from the City of New Brighton presented to the work group on New Brighton's temporary switch to Minneapolis water and the logistics of the interconnection.
4. Water Quality Planning to Transition from Groundwater to Lake Michigan Water Presentation
Tony Myers from Jacobs and Kelly Zylstra from Waukesha Water Utility presented to the work group on Waukesha's transition from groundwater to Lake Michigan Water.
5. Q/A panel discussion
A question-and-answer panel was held with guest speakers, Tony Myers (Jacobs), Kelly Zylstra (Waukesha Water Utility), Karla Peterson (MDH), Racquel Vaske (SPRWS), Rich Hibbard (SPRWS), and CheFei Chen (SPRWS).
Jason Moeckel (DNR) gave an update on the legal ruling regarding White Bear Lake water use.
6. Discuss outcomes of Work Group Meeting 3
Ashley Thompson from Zan Associates reviewed the key results from Meeting 3's exercise where work group members shared which methods to address the legislation they were interested in learning more about. She shared that a survey will be sent out to collect feedback from work group members.

Next Steps

- Water service population projections
- RFP updates
- Other topics to present
- Next meeting date: October 3, 2024

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

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