Minutes
White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan Work Group

Meeting Date: March 14, 2024  Time: 1:00 PM  Location: Vadnais Heights Commons

Members Present:
- Bryan Bear  City of Hugo
- Clark Schroeder  City of Lake Elmo
- Michael Grochala  City of Lino Lakes
- Bob Goebel  City of Mahtomedi
- Chris Volkers  City of Oakdale
- Shawn Sanders  City of Stillwater
- Jim Hauth  City of Vadnais Heights
- Paul Kauppi  City of White Bear Lake
- David Weum  Depart. of Health
- Jason Moeckel  Dept. of Nat. Resources
- Phil Klein  MAWSAC
- Greg Johnson  Metropolitan Council
- Judy Sventek  Metropolitan Council
- Shannon Skally  Metropolitan Council
- Sam Paske  Metropolitan Council

Alternate Members Present:
- Ron Ritchie, City of North Saint Paul
- Randy Miller, City of North Saint Paul
- Rebecca Higgins, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- John Oswald, Department of Health
- Jim Westerman, City of Woodbury
- 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 1:09 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
   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 hope to achieve during the meeting.

2. Project history and background
   Judy provided an overview of the legislation which created the work group including project history, background and goals.
3. **Process to reach group consensus on problem statement**
   Brigitte discussed the process with the work group on reaching a group consensus for the problem statement and set expectations that not all work group members may agree but that they are willing to compromise to reach a consensus.

4. **Roundtable discussions**
   Work group members were split into four groups where they participated in an exercise to brainstorm a problem statement. Members started by writing important issues or problems related to the effort and sorted the issues by topic. They reviewed the legislative charge and worked together to brainstorm a problem statement.

5. **MN DNR Presentation**
   Glen Champion, MN DNR Hydrologist, presented NMLG model results for White Bear Lake. The presentation was followed by questions from the work group members.

**Next Steps**
- Finalize problem statement
- Discuss alternatives to solve the problem
- Review and discuss studies that need to be updated

The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

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