

Minutes

White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan Work Group



Meeting Date: March 14, 2024

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Vadnais Heights Commons

Members Present:

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

Alternate Members Present:

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| ✓ Ron Ritchie, City of North Saint Paul | ✓ John Oswald, Department of Health |
| ✓ Randy Miller, City of North Saint Paul | ✓ Jim Westerman, City of Woodbury |
| ✓ Rebecca Higgins, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency | ✓ 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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