

Minutes

Environment Committee



Meeting Date: August 13, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members Present:

Chair, Peter Lindstrom, D10
 Vice Chair, Wendy Wulff, D16

Tyronne Carter, District 3
E Yassin Osman, District 7
 Anjuli Cameron, District 8

Diego Morales, District 9
 Gail Cederberg, District 11
 = present, E = excused

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Lindstrom called the regular meeting of the Environment Committee to order at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda Approved

Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by CM Morales, seconded by CM Carter to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2024 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent Business

None at this time.

Non-Consent Business

None at this time.

Information

2024 Environmental Services Intern Capstone Presentations (Criag Edlund, 651-602-8383)

Craig Edlund, assistant General Manager of Treatment Services, introduced the 2024 Environmental Services intern capstone presentations. The Metropolitan Council's Internship Program offers an assortment of opportunities for interns to partner with Met Council employees from various departments and job sites. The program is designed to provide mentorship and professional development through on-the-job training.

- Alexa Chesley, Molecular Biology Intern, Process Engineer R&D and Air Quality
- Anna Schuller, Wastewater Process Engineering Intern, PERDAQ Operations Support Services
- Benjamin Hawley, Environmental Services GIS Intern, Interceptor Services
- Bryn Huynh, Workforce & Equity Intern, Environmental Services
- Claudia Guillot-Wallace, Water Policy and Planning
- Cristian Cano, Environmental Services Geographic Information Systems (ES-GIS) Intern,

Interceptor Services

- Devin Rhoades, Environmental Services Geographic Information Systems (ES-GIS) Intern, Interceptor Services
- Julia Melcher, Reliability Specialist Intern, Asset Management
- Justine Wulff, Water Resources Intern, Environmental Services
- Mariko Yatsunami, Climate and Water Intern, Water Policy and Planning
- Nicholas Feist, Intern, Workforce and Equity
- Rachel Kim, Reliability Specialist Intern, Asset Management

Reports

General Managers Report: General Manager of Environmental Services, Leisa Thompson, invited Council members and staff to attend the, “Oh Poop!” exhibit at the State Fair. This exhibit will take place from August 22nd to September 2nd at the Eco Experience, Minnesota State Fairgrounds: 1621 Randolph Avenue, Saint Paul, Minnesota. Guest will have the opportunity to engage fairgoers in interactive and educational activities about the wonders of wastewater treatment and resource recovery.

- Sniff & Guess: Can you identify the mystery scents of wastewater components? Learn about the science behind odor control.
- Squishy Fun: Interact with a giant poop sculpture that represents the annual solid waste of an average metro resident. (Hint: It’s over 300 pounds!)
- Fatberg Frenzy: Discover what fats, oils, and wipes do to your pipes by checking out our massive fatberg display.
- Sewer Stroll: Walk through a 14-foot sewer pipe and understand the vast network that keeps our water clean.
- Blast from the Past: View vintage footage of the Mississippi River before modern wastewater treatment.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5: p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Environment Committee meeting of August 13, 2024.

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