

West St. Paul Environmental Committee
March 3, 2020
West St. Paul Municipal Center-Administrative Conference Room

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee members in attendance: Carol Hall, Tara Wright, Jonathan Wagner, Rebecca McCarty

Non-voting members present: Dave Schletty, Samantha Green, Lisa Eng-Sarne

Excused Polly Saatzer, Kristi Otte

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Minutes -A correction was made to the February 5, 2019 minutes. Rebecca McCarty was in attendance at the last meeting. The minutes of the February meeting were approved by the committee.

b. Net Ministries Site Plan Review – Members reviewed the Site Plan submitted by Net Ministries, for the 12,000 square foot expansion of the existing building at 110 Crusader Ave. The Committee discussed the plan, including looking at aerial images of the existing conditions. This was a simple plan and members were fine with the proposed number and variety of trees being proposed. Members agreed that Dark Sky compliant lighting and a green roof would be a great addition to this development. Members are recommending approval of the plans with following recommendation:

- i. They strongly encourage the developer to use “pollinator friendly” native plants that were not treated with “neonicotinoids”.
- ii. The addition of a green roof to treat stormwater onsite.
- iii. Make sure all exterior lighting is Dark Sky compliant

c. North Gateway Site Plan Review – Members reviewed the Site Plan submitted by the Dakota County Community Development Authority (CDA), for the redevelopment of the several vacant parcels on the southwest corner of Robert St. and Annapolis St. to construct an affordable housing complex.. The Committee discussed the plan, including looking at aerial images of the existing conditions. Knowing that the site was being fully developed members knew space was tight and were fine with the proposed number and variety of trees being proposed. They liked all the additional shrubs and perennials being planted on the site and were glad to see addition of a bioretention garden to treat stormwater on site. Members agreed that Dark Sky compliant lighting and a green roof would be a great addition to this development. Members are recommending approval of the plans with following recommendation:

- i. They strongly encourage the developer to use “pollinator friendly” native plants that were not treated with “neonicotinoids”.
- ii. The addition of a green roof to treat stormwater onsite.
- iii. Make sure all exterior lighting is Dark Sky compliant

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **1010 Dodd Update**
- b. **Arbor Day Planning**

5. UPDATES

6. OTHER

7. ADJOURN

With no other business before the Committee and with no objections, the Environmental Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Schletty