



Inver Grove Heights Environmental Advisory Commission

Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 7:00 PM

8150 Barbara Avenue, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077

AGENDA

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS: Individuals may submit written public comments in advance of the meeting by emailing comments to Rebecca Kiernan (rkiernan@ighmn.gov). Comments received prior to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 23, 2025, will be provided to the Commissioners at or before the October 23, 2025 meeting.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Presentations**
4. **Approval of Agenda**
5. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. Minutes of the September 25, 2025, Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting.
6. **Regular Agenda**
 - A. Xcel Energy Partners In Energy MOU - 2026 Implementation Extension
 - B. Discussion on the Draft 2026 EAC Work Plan
 - C. Discussion on Holding a 2025 EAC Work Session
7. **Public Comment**

Public comment provides an opportunity for the public to address the Commission on items that are not on the agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per person.
8. **Commission and Staff Comments**
9. **Adjourn**

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October 23, 2025 - Environmental Advisory Commission Agenda

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES
CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS**

City Council Chambers – 8150 Barbara Avenue
Thursday, September 25, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Goodman called the Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Sara Goodman (Chair)
Nick Ruiz (Vice-Chair)
Jon Wallerick
Marjorie Savage
Tracie Killion
Ted Trenzeluk
Nichole Boehmke

Commissioners Absent: Patti Mikulski
Kevin Sethre

Staff Present: Liz Kramer, Environmental Specialist

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Savage, Second by Ruiz, to Approve the Agenda as Published.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the August 28, 2025, Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting.

Motion by Boehmke, Second by Trenzeluk, to Approve the Minutes as Published.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

5. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Metropolitan Airports Commission Noise Oversight Committee Update.

Michele Ross, Director of Stakeholder Engagement at the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC), presented updates on flight trends and the Noise Oversight Committee (NOC) work plan updates.

MAC Background Information

The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) is a public corporation that was created by Minnesota in 1943 to promote safe, efficient, and economical air commerce in the region. MAC also seeks to minimize environmental impact and noise hazards.

MAC is governed by a 15-member board, with a Chair and some Commissioners appointed by the Governor (Minneapolis and St. Paul Mayor's appoint one Commissioner each). Inver Grove Heights is in District H and is represented by Commissioner Yodit Bizen.

MAC owns and operates Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport (MSP) as well as six general aviation airports within a 35-mile radius of downtown Minneapolis and downtown St. Paul.

MSP is the 18th busiest commercial airport in the U.S. based on passenger volume. It is a joint civil-military airport – as home to the Air Force Reserve Command's 934th Airlift Wing and the Minnesota Air National Guard's 133rd Airlift Wing.

MAC currently has over 800 employees and departments for Police, Fire, Emergency Dispatch, Building Inspection, Planning & Development, Maintenance, and Finance. MAC is funded by rents and fees paid by airport users, not by local income taxes or property taxes.

MSP Passengers and Operations Background Information

- 16 airlines (Delta's second largest hub)
- 9 provide international service
- Over 37 million passengers in 2024 (7% increase from 2023 -- 94% of pre-COVID total)
- 132 non-stop domestic destinations
- 35 non-stop international destinations (two new non-stop destinations, Rome and Copenhagen, were added in May 2025)

MSP Recent Facility and Airfield Improvements

- Terminal 1:
 - (2016 - 2025) Operational Improvements Program
 - Expansion and modernization of all levels in the pre-security areas of Terminal 1, including:
 - Larger security checkpoints
 - Centralized escalators
 - Additional exits
 - More efficient baggage claims areas
 - (2023 - 2025) Airport Modernization Program
 - Largest interior makeover of concourses since Terminal 1 opened in 1962
 - Updated flooring and lighting
- Terminal 2:
 - (2024 - 2027) North Expansion project will add 168,000 sq. ft. on the north end of Terminal 2, including:
 - Two new airline gates
 - More concession spaces
 - New restrooms
 - Additional support facilities for airlines and tenants
 - Future project: Terminal 2 South Expansion

MSP Recent Technology Changes and Recognitions

New customer relationship management tools are available:

- MSP Reserve: book spot in security line
- Reservable parking via app or website

New technology for expediting Customs/Border Patrol/Transportation Security Administration processes in use:

- Biometrics
- Facial Recognition

Accessibility Enhancement Accreditation (Airports Council International)

- New talk-to-text platform in use for gate announcements
- On-demand American Sign Language interpretation available
- Accessible restrooms

- Hidden Disabilities Program (sunflower lanyards)

Customer Satisfaction Award (J.D. Power)

- #1 in Customer Satisfaction for 2nd year in a row

Roles and Responsibilities of Aviation Stakeholders in Noise Oversight

- U.S. Congress
 - Creates laws regulating aviation entities (Federal Aviation Administration, FAA)
- Federal Aviation Administration
 - Regulates airports, pilots, and aircrafts
 - Air Traffic Control directs aircraft into and out of MSP
- Airlines
 - Operate flights based on demand
- Metropolitan Airports Commission
 - Maintains airport roads, runways, taxiways, airport buildings, etc.
 - Works with airlines and neighboring communities to minimize negative impacts
 - MSP Noise Oversight Committee (established 2002)
 - Forum for discussion and making recommendations to the MAC Board
 - Consists of:
 - 6 Community Representatives
 - Seven smaller cities, including Inver Grove Heights, are represented by a single At-Large member
 - Current At-Large representative: Burnsville Public Works Director Mark Ray
 - 6 Airline Industry Representatives
 - Bimonthly meetings (Third Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.)
 - Upcoming listening session: October 22, 6:00 p.m.
 - Opportunity for the public to provide input on the 2026 annual work plan

The Noise Oversight Committee is charged with identifying MSP noise issues, providing policy recommendations to MAC regarding airport noise issues, and monitoring compliance with established noise policy.

MSP Operations Updates

Operations peaked at MSP in 2004 and 2005 and slightly declined after carrier mergers, then held steady until the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. In recent years, operations have increased, though not yet to 2019 levels.

Most overflights of the Inver Grove Heights area occur on the south parallel runway (30L arrivals, 12R departures). Last year, when the north parallel runway was closed, traffic was on the south parallel runway higher than normal; this year, it has been lower overall (partially due to a construction-related closure).

There has been a slight decrease in the number of complaints from Inver Grove Heights residents in 2025 compared to 2024, probably partially due to the temporary closure of the south parallel runway. 20 households in Inver Grove Heights submitted 5,044 complaints. Most of the complaints (86%) came from two households.

Commissioner Wallerick clarified that one household is responsible for 78% of the 5,044 complaints. Ms. Ross confirmed that.

Commissioner Wallerick inquired as to how complaints can be submitted. Ms. Ross stated that they can be submitted online, via phone, and via email. People can request to be contacted about their complaint. If people contact EAC Commissioners with noise complaints, MAC is happy to connect with them and provide information.

Commissioner Wallerick inquired about a potential increase in long-term traffic due to the two new gates in Terminal 2. Ms. Ross stated that accommodating anticipated growth was part of MAC's long-term planning.

Commissioner Killion questioned whether repeated complaints negatively affect home valuation. Ms. Ross stated that she was not aware of repeated complaints impacting home valuation. Complaint information is kept private, but there is an annual Noise Contour Report as part of MAC's noise mitigation program (which determines households that are eligible for sound insulation). There is no app for logging complaints, but the browser-based Flight Tracker can be used to submit a complaint.

Commissioner Killion commented that military planes are louder than commercial flights and asked about noise reduction efforts. Ms. Ross stated that military planes recently underwent a retrofit of propeller blades (four-blade to eight-blade), which reduced cockpit noise by over 20 decibels. Military planes tend to fly lower and fly in pairs, so they are more noticeable.

Commissioner Killion inquired if the military planes tend to use one runway over the others. Ms. Ross stated that military planes, like commercial planes, are assigned runways by Air Traffic Control based on wind and weather conditions and destination.

Commissioner Ruiz stated that he lived close to the south parallel runway and asked about efforts to work with the two households that submitted the majority of the complaints. Where he lives, there is a regularly scheduled 4:30 a.m. arrival that is loud enough to sometimes wake him up. Ms. Ross stated that a metric called day/night average sound level (DNL) is used to determine eligibility for sound mitigation. MAC's program provides mitigation at and above the 60 day/night average sound level, which exceeds the federal requirement of 65. Any home with 60 DNL or higher for 3 consecutive years might be eligible for additional sound mitigation. Mitigation is not provided in response to complaints. Commissioner Ruiz suggested that with such a high percentage of complaints coming from one household, there might be something else going on.

Ms. Ross stated that an aircraft uses a narrow path to approach the runway, so for some residents, the repetitiveness of the noise is an issue. Aircraft use a 3% glide path when arriving; there is no regulation on aircraft altitude for departure/takeoff.

Commissioner Savage expressed appreciation for the presentation and asked whether there was an online attendance option for the October listening session and inquired as to how it was advertised.

Ms. Ross stated that people could join the listening session virtually via Microsoft Teams. The event has been advertised via an opt-in email newsletter.

Commissioner Trenzeluk inquired as to what the complaints were about. Ms. Ross stated that she did not have specific data on the specifics of the complaints but could look; complainants can indicate whether it is the number, time, or type of aircraft that is causing their concern and is correlated to flight data to match them to specific planes.

Commissioner Trenzeluk stated that the noise level at his house has significantly decreased over the 30 years he has lived there and expressed appreciation for that and inquired about the second largest air carrier (after Delta). Ms. Ross stated that it is Sun Country.

Commissioner Trenzeluk inquired about potential future carriers at MSP. Ms. Ross stated that she was not aware of any firm plans.

Commissioner Trenzeluk inquired about issues with congestion at the arrivals level of MSP. Ms. Ross suggested several possibilities for avoiding traffic at the arrivals level: using the Silver Ramp parking area, picking up people from the departures level, or using the cellphone waiting lot. It is important to check the flight arrival time in advance to minimize waiting time at the airport.

Commissioner Boehmke questioned if the sound mitigation efforts have been effective. Ms. Ross stated that the mitigation program has had a very high satisfaction rate in past surveys. Some areas received 5-decibel reduction packages; other past work resulted in 20-decibel reductions. MAC has also acquired some homes built in high-noise contour areas. To be eligible, homes need to have been built before 2007.

Commissioner Boehmke inquired as to whether it was possible to discern whether complaints were due to South St. Paul airport flights versus MSP flights. Ms. Ross stated that the correlation system can determine the best possible match. It is rare for complaints to concern aircraft coming in or out of South St. Paul. Complaints do sometimes come in about helicopters; regardless of the source, NOC tries to help people understand the source of their concern.

Commissioner Killion inquired about eligibility for the mitigation program. Ms. Ross stated that the home must be older than 2007 and located in a city that is part of the consent decree (Minneapolis, Eagan, Richfield, etc.). When the noise contour applies to a different city, that city can then decide if they want to participate in the consent decree.

Commissioner Wallerick inquired if any areas of Inver Grove Heights are in the noise contour areas. Ms. Ross stated that there are currently none.

Environmental Specialist Kramer questioned whether the distribution of complaints was typical. Ms. Ross stated that it is a consistent pattern; the top 10 households that file complaints make up about 60% of the complaints for MSP and other airports.

Ms. Ross also introduced Ryan Anderson, Technical Advisor for NOC and Manager of Community Relations at MAC, as a contact person.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. COMMISSIONER AND STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Killion asked about the scheduling of a Work Session.

Environmental Specialist Kramer stated that a Work Session would be scheduled shortly.

Commissioner Trenzeluk reminded the EAC that airport noise falls within the purview of the EAC per the City charter.

Commissioner Wallerick commented that West St. Paul has a free tree program and recommended that the City investigate whether funds are available to offer that for IGH residents.

Environmental Specialist Kramer thanked the attendees of the Commissioner Appreciation Dinner. The Annual Clean-Up Day is coming up on September 27th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Various items will be collected for a fee in the Public Works Facility parking lot (appliances, batteries, carpet/padding, electronics,

exercise equipment, furniture, light bulbs, mattresses, hoses, propane tanks, scrap metal, heavy-duty tires, etc.). Certain items will be free to drop off (clothing, accessories, shoes, textiles in good condition; bicycles; light-duty tires without rims, etc.) other items have a fee. Construction/demolition debris and household hazardous waste will not be accepted. There will also be free confidential paper shredding in the City Hall parking lot. The website ighmn.gov/recycle has more details on the recycling of various items.

8. ADJOURN

Motion by Savage, Second by Ruiz, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Will Clashe, Recording Secretary



**Environmental Advisory Commission
Staff Report**

**SUBJECT: Xcel Energy Partners In Energy MOU - 2026
Implementation Extension**

MEETING DATE: October 23, 2025
ITEM TYPE: Regular Agenda
CONTACT: Liz Kramer, Environmental Specialist, 651.604.8511

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

The Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) is asked to review the Xcel Energy Partners In Energy MOU 2026 Implementation Extension and consider recommending City Council approval.

BACKGROUND

In March 2021, the city adopted an Energy Action Plan (EAP) developed in partnership with Xcel Energy Partners In Energy and a community stakeholder team. The EAP states a vision that “Inver Grove Heights will be an innovative and engaged community where energy choices conserve both our natural and financial resources” and includes goals related to community engagement and municipal leadership.

Along with the EAP, an MOU was approved in March 2021 that outlined how Xcel Energy Partners In Energy would support the City’s implementation through December 2022. The original MOU extension facilitation period ended, and the City has chosen to extend this MOU to continue receiving direct technical assistance several times at no cost to the City. These extensions have proven to be beneficial to the City’s environmental work, and have been continued since the original extension in 2021.

The draft 2026 MOU is attached and details how Xcel Energy will support the City in achieving the goals of the EAC throughout 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the EAC consider recommending City Council approval of the attached draft Xcel Energy Partners In Energy MOU 2026 Implementation Extension.

ATTACHMENTS

1. PiE-MN-IGH-2026 MOU

Memorandum of Understanding for 2026 Graduate Support

Mayor Brenda Dietrich
City of Inver Grove Heights
8150 Barbara Avenue
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077

The intent of this Memorandum of Understanding is to support of the City of Inver Grove Heights in continuing to implement their Energy Action Plan and support their Environmental Advisory Commission Work Plan. This document outlines how the City of Inver Grove Heights and Xcel Energy will continue to work together. The term of this joint support, as defined in this document, will extend from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Xcel Energy will continue to support the City of Inver Grove Heights in achieving the goals of its Energy Action Plan (EAP) and 2026 Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) Work Plan in the following ways:

EAC Work Plan Goal 1: Support the Inver Grove Heights' Energy Action Plan (EAP)

1.a. Provide business outreach related to building energy audits, electric vehicle charger installation opportunities, renewable energy, and available energy credits and rebates. (EAP: Business Strategies A, B, D & E)

Xcel Energy Support:

- Work with the City to develop a business outreach schedule for 2026.
- Collaborate with local business organizations and networks to share resources and information with area businesses and at peer events.
- Create content for outreach campaigns, including social media, newsletter copy, flyers and postcards to distribute at peer-sharing events.
- Make materials available at the 2026 Inver Grove Heights Business Expo.
- Update existing materials with new Xcel Energy program information and resources.
- Share updates on how to access incentives and rebates for energy efficiency.
- Share commercial and small/medium business resource guides, relevant webinars, and partner resources where needed.
- Connect City staff with renewable energy resources for businesses.

1.b. Provide outreach tailored to young people and students related to energy efficiency, renewable energy, energy careers, and other energy related topics (EAP Businesses, Schools, Nonprofits, and Places of Worship Strategies C, E).

- Work with the City to Develop an outreach schedule for 2026.
- Create content for outreach campaigns, including social media, newsletter copy and flyers to distribute at schools and colleges.
- Share resource guides, webinars, and partner resources where needed.
- Update existing materials with new Xcel Energy program information and resources.

- Connect City staff with renewable energy resources for institutions.

1.c. Provide residential and multi-unit outreach related to home energy audits, assistance for energy burdened households, and available energy credits and rebates with a focus on strategies related to natural gas conservation. (EAP: Residential Strategies A, B, C,)

Xcel Energy Support:

- Work with the City to develop a residential outreach schedule for 2026.
- Share information specific to income-qualified residents such as energy assistance, low or no-cost programs, and electrification opportunities.
- Continue to build on content for outreach campaigns, including social media, newsletter copy, flyers and postcards, environmental e-news, talking points and scripts for events, translation of promotional materials if identified to reach target audiences.
- Update existing materials with new Xcel Energy program information and resources.
- Share updates on how to access incentives and rebates for energy efficiency.
- Share resource guides, webinars, and partner resources where needed.

1.d. Review community energy data reports provided by Partners in Energy. (EAP: Reporting)

Xcel Energy Support:

- Share bi-annual community energy data.
- Create presentation for City to share annual update at Environmental Advisory Commission meeting.
- Review data with City staff and make recommendations for actions to meet Energy Action Plan goals.

EAC Work Plan Goal 2: Support the Sustainable IGH Awards program

2.a. Help promote the program, which will be re-opening application in 2026, to residents and businesses by providing resources and materials for information tables at City events and leveraging local partnerships. (EAP: Business Strategies A-E; Residential Strategy A, C-E)

Xcel Energy Support:

- Provide content and design for promotional and outreach materials, and website content for energy portion.
- Support collaboration with local business organizations and colleagues with existing business relationships to share application and recognition information.

EAC Work Plan Goal 4: Support the following existing City environmental programming as needed.

3.a. Minnesota GreenStep Cities (EAP: Reporting; Municipal Strategy A)

Xcel Energy Support:

- Provide Xcel Energy community energy data requested for GreenStep Cities reporting.

3.b. SolSmart (EAP: Business Strategies D; Residential Strategy D; Municipal Strategy A)

Xcel Energy Support:

- Create promotional collateral for the city's SolSmart participation and designation achievements.
- Provide content and design for community engagement materials.

Project Management and Reimbursed Expenses

- Partners in Energy will facilitate monthly check-in meetings, track and report energy impacts and activities (process annual data from Xcel Energy).
- Provide up to \$2,000 for reimbursed expenses related to printing and distribution of co-branded marketing materials, venue fees, food, and other related needs associated with Energy Action Plan outreach and education. Xcel Energy funding will not be provided for the purchase of alcohol.

Legal Applicability and Waiver

This is a voluntary agreement and not intended to be legally binding for either party. This Memorandum of Understanding has no impact, nor does it alter or modify any existing Franchise Agreement or other existing agreements between Xcel Energy and Inver Grove Heights. Parties agree that this Memorandum of Understanding is to memorialize the intent of the Parties regarding Partners in Energy but does not create a legal agreement between the Parties. It is agreed by the Parties that nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding will be deemed or construed as creating a joint venture, trust, partnership, or any other legal relationship among the Parties. This Memorandum of Understanding is for the benefit of the Parties and does not create third party rights. Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding constitutes a waiver of Inver Grove Heights ordinances, Inver Grove Heights regulatory jurisdiction, or Minnesota's utility regulatory jurisdiction.

Single Points of Contact

All communications pertaining to this agreement shall be directed to Liz Kramer on behalf of Inver Grove Heights and Sofia Troutman on behalf of Xcel Energy.

Xcel Energy is excited about this opportunity to support Inver Grove Heights in advancing its goals. The resources outlined above and provided through Partners in Energy are provided as a part of our commitment to the communities we serve and Xcel Energy's support of energy efficiency and renewable energy as important resources to meet your future energy needs.

For Inver Grove Heights:

For Xcel Energy:

Signature:

Signature:

Name:

Name:

Title:

Title:

Date:

Date:

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Environmental Advisory Commission Staff Report

SUBJECT: **Discussion on the Draft 2026 EAC Work Plan**

MEETING DATE: October 23, 2025

ITEM TYPE: Regular Agenda

CONTACT:

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

The Environmental Advisory Commission is asked to provide comment on the draft 2026 EAC Work Plan.

BACKGROUND

The duties and functions of the City's Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) are defined by City Code 2-4-2. These include advising the City Council on environmental issues including local landfill matters, wetland replacement applications and aircraft noise, and promoting public awareness of local environmental issues. Since 2023, the EAC, City Council and staff have found the annual work plan to be a helpful guiding document proposed by the EAC and approved by the City Council. The purpose of this work plan is to define annual priorities of the EAC that align with the duties and functions defined by City Code.

The draft work plan included in this packet was developed based on EAC duties, progress from previous EAC work plans, regional environmental and sustainability trends, public comments, and existing environmental programming. Staff believe the proposed work plan is achievable by December 2026 with available City staff support, funding and external technical assistance.

The EAC is asked to provide comment on the draft 2026 work plan included in this packet at the October 2025 EAC meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

This item is budget neutral for the City

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend the EAC provide comment on the draft 2026 EAC Work Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2026 EAC Work Plan - Draft
2. EAC City Code 2-4-2

2026 Environmental Advisory Commission Work Plan

The purpose of this work plan is to define annual priorities of the City of Inver Grove Heights Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) that align with the duties and functions defined by City Code 2-4-2. Duties and functions of the EAC include, but are not limited to, reviewing and advising the City Council on environmental issues and promoting public awareness and understanding of local environmental issues.

This work plan was developed based on progress from EAC duties, previous EAC work plans, regional environmental and sustainability trends, public comments, and existing environmental programming. It was also developed in partnership with the City's Environmental Specialist to ensure the work plan is achievable by December 2026 with available City staff support, funding and external technical assistance.

The EAC will implement the following 2026 Work Plan with support from the City's Environmental Specialist:

1. Support the City's Energy Action Plan (EAP).

- a. Extend the Xcel Energy Partners In Energy Memorandum of Understanding through 2026.
- b. Provide business outreach related to building energy audits, electric vehicle charger installation opportunities, renewable energy, and available energy credits and rebates.
- c. Provide outreach tailored to young people and students related to energy efficiency, renewable energy, energy careers, and other energy related topics.
- d. Provide residential and multiunit property outreach related to building energy audits and available energy credits and rebates.
- e. Review community energy data updates provided by Xcel Energy Partners in Energy and annual EAP update.

2. Support the Sustainable IGH Awards program.

- a. Help promote the reinstatement of the program to residents and businesses by hosting information tables at City events, leveraging local partnerships, utilizing social media and communication strategies, and working with community groups.
- b. Review applications and make recommendations to the City Council for bronze, silver, gold and special recognition awardees.

3. Host the Annual Stormwater Pollution Prevention Meeting in partnership with the City's engineering division.

4. Support the following existing City environmental programming as needed:

- a. Solid waste abatement programming related to waste reduction, recycling and organics initiatives.
- b. Minnesota GreenStep Cities
- c. SolSmart

5. Increase the public and Commission's awareness of local environmental issues by inviting internal and external speakers to EAC meetings and increasing promotions of the meetings to the public.

6. Invite relevant City Staff to present internal environmental and sustainability updates related to City facilities, natural resources, and more.

7. Process other business-as-usual items related to landfills, wetlands, airport noise, and other assigned duties of the Environmental Advisory Commission per City Code 2-4-2.

CHAPTER 4

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

SECTION:

2-4-1 Established; Composition; Terms

2-4-2 Duties And Functions

2-4-1: ESTABLISHED; COMPOSITION; TERMS:

The city environmental advisory commission is hereby established with the powers and duties given to it by this chapter. The environmental advisory commission shall consist of nine (9) members appointed by the mayor, with the consent of the council. The membership shall be comprised of those persons currently in office. The term of office of current members shall be according to conditions under which they were originally appointed. As each term expires, the new term shall be for three (3) years. Three (3) terms expire in 2004, three (3) in 2005 and three (3) in 2006. The anniversary date of all appointments shall be June 1. (Ord. 1090, 5-24-2004; amd. 2008 Code)

2-4-2: DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS:

The duties and functions of the environmental advisory commission shall be as follows:

- A. To review and advise the council on environmental issues.
- B. To review land alteration permits and wetland replacement applications.
- C. To review and advise the council on matters related to the landfills located within the city.
- D. To monitor, review and make recommendations to the council relative to aircraft noise.
- E. To monitor and review the development and activities at the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport that may have adverse impacts upon the citizens of the city.
- F. To promote public awareness and understanding of local environmental issues. (Ord. 1330, 12-12-2016)



Environmental Advisory Commission Staff Report

SUBJECT: Discussion on Holding a 2025 EAC Work Session

MEETING DATE: October 23, 2025

ITEM TYPE: Regular Agenda

CONTACT: Liz Kramer, Environmental Specialist, 651.604.8511

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

The Environmental Advisory Commission is asked to provide comment on holding a 2025 EAC Work Session.

BACKGROUND

The duties and functions of the City's Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) are defined by City Code 2-4-2. These include advising the City Council on environmental issues including local landfill matters, wetland replacement applications and aircraft noise, and promoting public awareness of local environmental issues. The commission hosts regular meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month, based on a set agenda. Commissioners host informational presentations, make recommendations on commission-relevant items, and develop work plans and strategies for commission work.

Work sessions are more informal meetings, and focus on reviewing and discussing upcoming agenda items and topics of interest. They do not involve formal decision-making.

FISCAL IMPACT

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the EAC make a recommendation on holding a 2025 EAC Work Session.

ATTACHMENTS

None