

**MAHTOMEDI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
MEETING AGENDA  
January 13, 2020  
CITY HALL  
6:30 P.M.**

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| 1. | <b>CALL TO ORDER</b>   | <b>6:30</b> |
| 2. | <b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>  |             |
| 3. | <b>APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2019 MEETING MINUTES</b>   |             |
| 4. | <b>OLD BUSINESS</b><br>- Sustainability Survey to Businesses/Eco-Hero Program<br>- RITE of Spring<br>- Sustainability Plan | <b>6:40</b> |
| 5. | <b>NEW BUSINESS</b>  |             |
| 6. | <b>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</b>   |             |
| 7. | <b>ADJOURNMENT</b>   | <b>7:45</b> |

TO: Members of the Environmental Commission  
FROM: Scott Neilson, City Administrator  
DATE: January 8, 2020  
RE: Environmental Commission Meeting of January 13, 2020

A regular meeting of the Mahtomedi Environmental Commission will be held on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 6:30 at City Hall. Please contact me if you will not be able to attend this meeting. The following items are in order for consideration and discussion at that time.

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda, as presented or modified is in order for approval by the Commission.

### APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 12, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the November 12, 2019 Environmental Commission meeting are enclosed on pages 1 + 2 for your review. These minutes, as presented or modified, are in order for adoption by the Commission.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Sustainability Survey to Businesses** – The Commission will continue to discuss the sustainability survey to be sent to businesses and the Eco-Hero Program.

**RITE of Spring** – The Commission will continue to discuss the planning for the RITE of Spring event.

**Sustainability Plan** – The Commission will continue to discuss the sustainability plan.

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting will adjourn at or about 7:45 p.m.

  
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Scott Neilson, City Administrator  
Attachments I/Shared/EnvironmentalCommission/agenda

## MAHTOMEDI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

### MINUTES NOVEMBER 12, 2019

A regular meeting of the Mahtomedi Environmental Commission was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Mahtomedi City Hall.

Present were Commission Members: Chair Kevin Toskey, Kimberly Byrd, Christine Ahmann-Maples, Will Seuffert, Mike Chevalier and Scott Peterson.

Also present were: City Council Member Jeff Ledermann, City Administrator Scott Neilson, Meg Mesick, Mahtomedi School District, and Ian Harding from the Mahtomedi Area Green Initiative.

### AGENDA

Motion to approve by Ahmann-Maples, seconded by Peterson to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion of a Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Ahmann-Maples, seconded by Byrd to approve the October 14, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### RITE OF SPRING 2020

The Commission discussed and agreed the date for the event will be April 25, 2020 at Mahtomedi Middle School. The time for the event will be 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with the recycling drop off from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Commission will further discuss this item at the next Commission meeting.

#### SUGGESTION FOR BIKE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ian Harding, a member of the Mahtomedi Area Green Initiative (MAGI) discussed the creation of a Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee to address safety traffic and pedestrian improvements. Mr. Harding presented the Commission with a handout outlining the goal of this committee. (See handout) It was decided to have the Council discuss this item at their planning meeting to be held early next year.

#### SUSTAINABILITY SURVEY TO BUSINESSES

City Administrator Neilson handed out a few draft questions for the survey. (See Attached) The Commission will further refine the questions and discuss at the next meeting. The Commission also discussed the creation of an eco-hero program to recognize to those businesses that utilize sustainable

practices. The Commission requested contacting Tom Snelling from the White Bear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce to see if there would be interest in sponsoring or getting involved in this type of program.

#### OLD BUSINESS

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN – No update on the sustainability plan.

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following are the items for the next Environmental Commission meeting:

- RITE of Spring
- Survey/Eco-Hero Program with Tom Snell, Executive Director, White Bear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.
- Goat Keeping Ordinance.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ahmann-Maples, seconded by Chevalier to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Neilson, City Administrator

## Suggestion for BIKE / PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY Committee

Goal: Build on existing changes like Lake Links trail, new highway 12 layout through downtown, new street car trail, new library. Make Mahtomedi/ Willernie a safe area to walk and bike to encourage and support healthy lifestyles, to support local businesses, enable non-vehicle owners access to schools, post office, library .

Reduce vehicle traffic, speeds and pollution to make a better more inclusive community that has more traffic, more housing, more senior homes and more businesses than 20-40 years when existing roads were built

Too often folks (mostly kids, senior citizens, people in wheelchairs) have no option other than proceeding in the traffic lanes.

Goal: avoid injuries and fatalities improve community for all

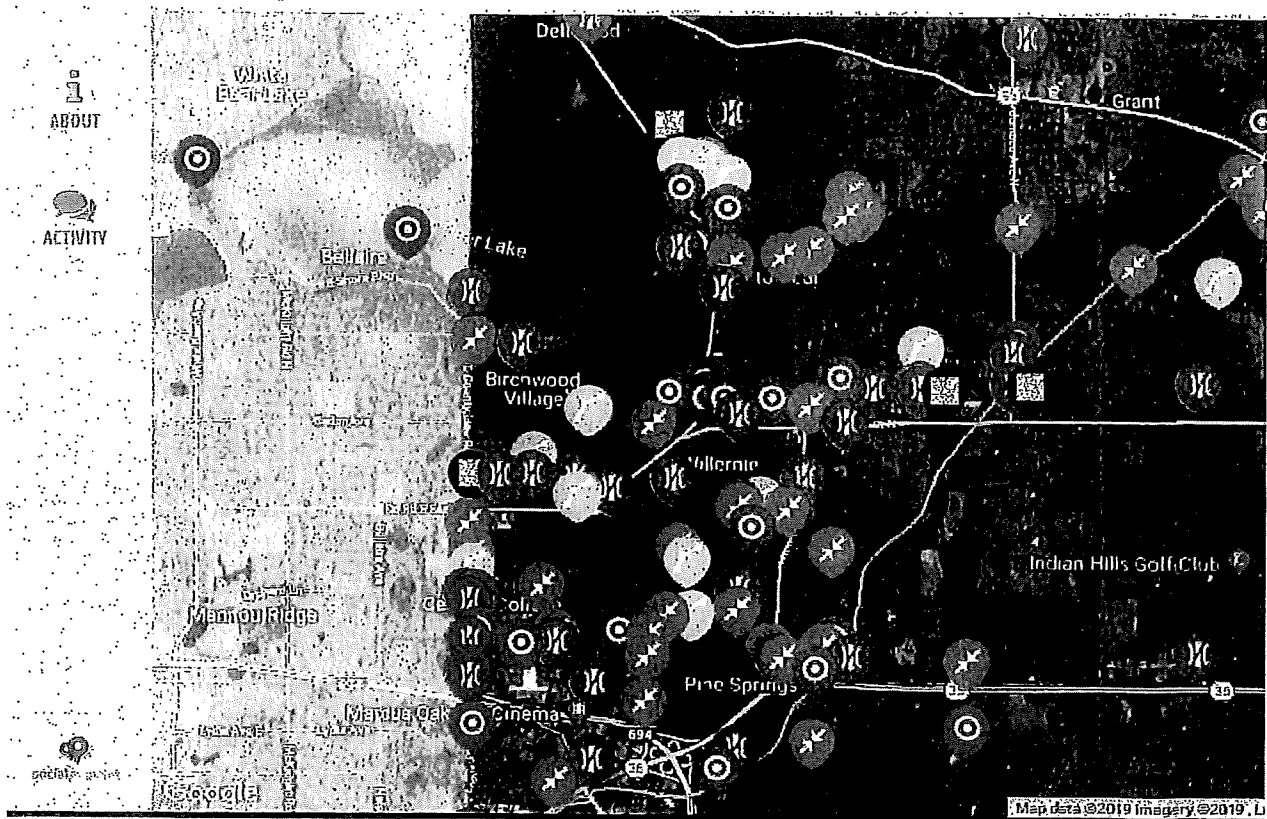
### OPPORTUNITIES for improvements

- 1). new state law enable cities to establish lower speed limits.
- 2). Robert Street : lower speed limit to 20 mph and provide sidewalk through to Chatham
- 3). South Warner avenue: 30 mph speed limit (killing speed) with mailboxes along one side , a school (school zone extending 200 yards to the N but only 20 yards to the S).
  1. extend school zone along warner at least 200 yards to S
  2. boardwalk along edge of road in wetlands area (Pine Springs)
  3. provide sidewalk to hwy 12 for library access
  4. 20 mph speed limit
- 4). Provide walking path around SW side of Echo Lake (neighborhood pathway behind Federal Molding )
- 5). Connecting paths from S Warner to Hilton Trail and crossing of Hilton Trail to enable SE Mahtomedi homes to access the rest of Mahtomedi
- 6). Signalled pedestrian crosswalk and center refuge for crossing hyw 244 at Wedgewood
- 7). Work with ISD 832 to establish a complete network of safe routes to school

MANY other suggestions are at Washington County community survey  
35+ suggestions from the community

# Washington County

Area Contained



### Suggested Questions for Sustainability Questionnaire

1. Is your business currently utilizing sustainable practices? Yes No
2. If yes, please indicate which practices you are currently utilizing.
  - a. Recycling
  - b. Use of compostable materials (i.e., straws, food containers, utensils, etc.)
  - c. LED Lighting
  - d. Other -Please list
3. If you are not utilizing sustainable practices, what is the reason?
  - a. Feel it is too expensive
  - b. Not aware, feel like I need to be educated
  - c. Other
4. Would you like someone from the City or Environmental Commission to contact you to provide you with information about sustainable practices?