

**Roseville Public Works, Environment and
Transportation Commission**

Agenda Item

Date: September 28, 2021

Item No: 3

Item Description: Approval of the August 24, 2021 Public Works Commission Minutes

Attached are the minutes from the August 24, 2021 meeting.

Recommended Action:

Motion approving the minutes of August 24, 2021, subject to any necessary corrections or revision.

Move: _____

Second: _____

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

**Roseville Public Works, Environment
and Transportation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Roseville, Minnesota 55113

1 **1. Introduction / Roll Call**

2 Chair Wozniak called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and at his
3 request, Public Works Director Marc Culver called the roll.

4 **Present:** Chair Joe Wozniak; Vice Chair Bryant Ficek; and Members Michael
5 Joyce, Jarrod Cicha, Nancy Misra, and Shane Spencer

6 **Absent:** None

7 **Staff Present:** Public Works Director Marc Culver; and Environmental
8 Specialist Ryan Johnson

9 **2. Public Comments**

10 None

11 **3. Approval of July 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

12 *Comments and corrections to draft minutes had been submitted by PWETC*
13 *commissioners prior to tonight's meeting and those revisions incorporated into the*
14 *draft presented in meeting materials.*

15 **Motion**

16 **Member Ficek moved, Member Misra seconded, approval of the July 27, 2021**
17 **meeting minutes as presented.**

18 **Ayes: 6**

19 **Nays: 0**

20 **Motion carried.**

21 **4. Communication Items**

22 Public Works Director Culver provided a brief review and update on projects and
23 maintenance activities listed in the staff report dated August 24, 2021.

24 Member Cicha asked how the parking in the City is going to be with the State Fair.

25 Mr. Culver updated the Commission on the things the City is planning to do
26 regarding parking in the City when the State Fair is open.

27 Chair Wozniak asked about utility markings on B2 between Hamline and Snelling.

28 Mr. Culver explained Ramsey County is starting a project that will have substantial
29 traffic impacts for the City.

30 **5. Partners in Energy Update**

31 Environmental Specialist Johnson introduced Ms. Megan Weck and Ms. Tami
32 Gunderzik from the Center of Energy and Environment (CEE) who gave a
33 presentation to the Commission.

34 Member Misra indicated she was excited to see this get up off the ground. She was
35 curious what the longer-term picture looked like on the commercial side and the
36 longer time frame of the whole plan.

37 Mr. Johnson explained in the packet there is the implementation schedule for the
38 next eighteen months and what will be the focus. Once that is done then there will
39 be outreach and engagement in the business community later this fall and into 2022.

40 Member Misra thought this plan has been somewhat different from other cities and
41 she wondered how success will look like on this in a year or two on some of the
42 early phases.

43 Ms. Gunderzik explained she has been excited to see the data driven approach that
44 has continued through implementation. She indicated they tried to put that into
45 some of the early planning workshops to give people information to make decisions
46 on and the fact that now that they have transitioned over, and the community has
47 now taken the lead role that they still continue to do it in a very procedural process
48 which gives her a lot of confidence that they are setting some good roots down and
49 platforms that can be built on long term which is not seen in a lot of communities.

50 Ms. Weck explained within the plan, the goals of the business focused areas
51 specifically, they have just gotten to engaging one hundred small and medium sized
52 businesses which will then directly coincide with the goals they have for dollar
53 savings as well as greenhouse gas avoidance. Those numbers coincide and is their
54 measurement of success in one sense, numbers wise but also the success to of
55 helping businesses through COVID to save money and promote energy.

56 Member Misra explained she was happy that the City is taking it with such attention
57 to the data and the detail and she thought it was one of the really important things
58 being done in Roseville. She hoped as it continues and it looks like there are other
59 things that can be happening in the community, she hopes people will step up and
60 take on the work.

61 Member Spencer indicated that now the City has some new and large developments
62 going on, are they targeting them with some of this information as individuals or as
63 small businesses, multi-family homes, apartments.

64 Mr. Johnson indicated as of right now with the new buildings and redevelopment,
65 the City has not been focusing a lot on those buildings because they are brand new
66 and will be focused on being as efficient as possible. The City is looking for a little
67 bit more at the older stock, the commercial districts which have been focused on
68 more than the new buildings that have gone up.

69 Chair Wozniak asked how the Commission can help and who they are connected
70 with.

71 Ms. Gunderzik indicated the Commission could write the information down and
72 give them to her or City Staff and she will make a spreadsheet. She noted they
73 would also like to stay in communication with the Commission.

74 Mr. Johnson indicated he was open to all communications from the Commission
75 regarding information on organizations that might benefit from this program.

76 Chair Wozniak indicated the Rice Larpenteur Coalition might be worth contacting
77 and would be interested in the energy bourdon issue. He also wondered if the flier
78 will be available in several languages.

79 Ms. Gunderzik indicated the flier will be translated into Spanish and they can talk
80 about other languages that will beneficial as well.

81 Mr. Culver thought the City might have resources as well for converting the flier
82 into Mung, Koran, Somali as well as other languages. He indicated the City Police
83 Department has some resources in working with that type of thing.

84 Chair Wozniak indicated he did some exploring when he was considering this topic
85 and he was getting down the renewable connect rabbit hole online. He explained
86 he has not seen anything like that before but is a way to sign up for community
87 solar gardens and he was very interested in that. He noted that there are only two
88 subscription holder in Ramsey County and neither of them are offering any
89 subscriptions. He wondered if this had to be in Ramsey County, could it be out of
90 state and how easy it is. He indicated he has been running into roadblocks and was
91 a little confused by that.

92 Ms. Gunderzik thought what Chair Wozniak was looking at was their Solar
93 Rewards Community and a person can apply with the actual developer of a solar
94 garden. It can be within the County lived in or any County adjacent to it. She noted
95 they do have a renewable connect program also.

96 Chair Wozniak thanked Ms. Weck and Ms. Gunderzik for the presentation.
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98 **6. City Council Joint Meeting Review**

99 Public Works Director Culver explained the PWETC held a joint meeting with the
100 City Council at the July 19th City Council work session. There was a significant
101 amount of conversation between the Commission and City Council about some of
102 the upcoming topics that the Commission may take up in the next calendar year.

103 Chair Wozniak indicated he was interested in how COVID is going to affect the
104 workplace which in turn will affect transit because they may not be designing the
105 system for what is going to be normal.

106 Mr. Culver asked for Commission thoughts from the evening or topics to prioritize.
107 He noted they usually select a few topics that they can start planning for over the
108 upcoming months.

109 Member Ficek thought the review was very well done. He would be interested in
110 the speed limits topic. He did not think the City was ready to take any action and
111 he was not advocating for any action, but he would like to see some education on
112 that. He thought the other topic would be transit and traffic as well as interest in
113 seeing what happens with businesses and COVID and trying to bring people back
114 to work.

115 Member Spencer explained the only concern on his mind, whether it is on the
116 Master Plan or included in the bike network, would be addressing some of the
117 electric scooters around and he did not know how these would be classified and
118 where would these be addressed if the City were to address them.

119 Mr. Culver thought this would be a really good conversation to have to see if the
120 City even wants them in the community and how to regulate them.

121 Chair Wozniak thought it would be a good thing to look at because it affects many
122 things in the City such as speed limits, pathways, and other things.

123 Member Misra explained she would like to review the speed limit topic within the
124 next year as well. She thought having someone come in from St. Paul might be a
125 good start. She would also like to see someone from Parks and Recreation to
126 discuss green space in the City. She thought a lot of green space has been lost
127 recently with developments.

128 Mr. Culver discussed the City Tree Ordinance with the Commission.

129 Chair Wozniak indicated he would like to look back at what the Tree Task Force
130 did a couple of years ago and what roadblocks they ran into, what were they able
131 to accomplish and what was left on the table. He thought as a part of what he would
132 like the Commission to look at is breaking down the silos, which is one thing that
133 a number of Councilmembers talked about and experiment with a task force
134 approach to multi-sector topics that are shared among the other advisory
135 commissions.

136 Mr. Culver agreed and thought that might lead to encouraging Commission
137 Members to watch other Commission meetings in order to participate on the same
138 topic at the Commission meetings.

139 Chair Wozniak explained he would also like to talk about plastic bags and looking
140 at a ban of them as well as plastic food containers and recycling. He wondered if
141 they could also bring in the Human Rights, Equity and Engagement Commission
142 for a little more equity exposure for this Commission. He understood there is a
143 toolkit for equity and engagement, but he has not looked at it.

144 Mr. Culver indicated there is some reorganization within the communications
145 department that will give them more resources for community engagement, some
146 more targeted resources for community engagement, outreach, etc. and combined
147 with some of the work done by the City's Equity and Inclusion Manager that is
148 working on as well. He thought this would be a good update towards the end of the
149 year or early in 2022.

150 The Commission discussed its vision and a future discussion on if the Commission
151 needs to split into two Commissions in order to accomplish everything it wants to
152 talk about and do.

153 Mr. Culver reviewed the input from the Commission for future agenda items.

154 **7. Items for Next Meeting – September 28, 2021**

155 Discussion ensued regarding the September PWETC agenda:

- 156 ■ Possibly have Parks and Recreation come to the meeting: Forestry Management
- 157 ■ Metro Transit presentation
- 158 ■ New Members to the Commission

159 **8. Adjourn**

160 **Motion**

161 **Member Misra moved, Member Joyce seconded, adjournment of the meeting**
162 **at approximately 8:45 p.m.**

163 **Ayes: 6**

164 **Nays: 0**

165 **Motion carried.**