

Environment Committee Minutes
July 27, 2016

Agenda and minutes	Cailin needs to add Michael to last month's meeting minutes. Michael moved to pass the minutes with that addition. Tim seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
Air Quality Monitoring Update	Betty gave an update on the joint program with MPCA. We have 14 devices out and will continue this through the middle of September. No updates from the main air quality monitoring station by the garden. There is a backlog at the analytical lab.
staff updates	Hampden Park: Almost complete. Ask about the subsystem infiltration system. How is it doing? Seal Trash: Document Shredding: we have limited funds but ask about the cost. Could it happen with the annual clean up? Could the city include it in the annual clean up?
Fresh Energy grant	Cailin updated the group on a potential partnership with Fresh Energy in a grant proposal on reducing rental rates and energy costs in the neighborhood.
Other items	Kasota Ponds update: The cameras are in but the jersey barriers will not go in. Metro Metals has been talked to and ticketed. Annual Clean Up: something should go out in the newsletter about the annual clean up.
Rain Garden	Cailin to ask Barb Mundahl when the medians near Como and Raymond will be demolished so we can salvage plants out of those. We can put those in other rain gardens to fill in the plants. The gardens are full of weeds, trash, and sediment--all of which needs to come out. How do we educate home owners on how to help caretaker for the rain gardens in front of their property? We could do a demonstration night to help show others how to do this. There needs to be organization about three times year to support weeding and cleaning in the big rain gardens.
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