

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

DATE: February 17, 2015

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Hall, Meyer and Dr. Nosek

STAFF: Keith Nelson, Assistant City Manager for Public Works; Carlos Espinosa, Assistant City Planner

The meeting began at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from July 15, 2014 were approved unanimously.

Healthy Lake Winona

Committee Member Meyer introduced the agenda item and stated that Healthy Lake Winona is a group of 20-30 citizens who somewhat spontaneously pulled together after the Winona Watershed Summit held in November. The group has met several times and formed committees to work on a short list of water related projects aimed at improving the water quality of Lake Winona. The group is now seeking feedback on how best to engage the City of Winona.

Keith Nelson stated that assistance from the Healthy Lake Winona group may be helpful in the City's MS4 process. In particular, the group could help review the booklet produced by the City's consultant before it's submitted. In addition, after the MS4 document is complete, it could serve as a resource for ideas about how citizens can collaborate with the City on stormwater projects. Mr. Nelson stated that there is potential funding through the stormwater utility fund to assist with stormwater improvement efforts.

When asked about the timeline for the MS4 document, Mr. Nelson stated that a draft should be complete in the next 2 months.

Various members of the committee asked if the City could assist the Healthy Lake Winona group this summer with demarcating storm sewers that drain to the lake. Mr. Nelson stated that was a possibility, and that future proposed stormwater improvement projects involving the City should be brought to his office.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Carlos Espinosa
Assistant City Planner