

**MINUTES
CITY OF MAPLEWOOD
ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
Wednesday, October 8, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Lates called a meeting of the Environmental and Natural Resources Commission to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Rebecca Bryan, Commissioner	Present
Joanne Cryer, Commissioner	Present (at 6:05 p.m.)
Benjamin Guell, Commissioner	Present
David Lates, Chairperson	Present
Ted Redmond, Commissioner	Present
Wes Saunders-Pearce, Commissioner	Present

Staff Present

Steve Love, Public Works Director
Audra Robbins, Parks and Natural Resources Manager
Jon Jarosch, Assistant City Engineer
Shann Finwall, Sustainability Coordinator

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Guell moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Bryan.

Ayes – Commissioners
Bryan, Guell, Lates,
Redmond, Saunders-Pearce

The motion passed.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. September 10, 2025

Chair Lates moved to approve the September 10, 2025, Environmental and Natural Resources Commission meeting minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Saunders-Pearce.

Ayes – Commissioners
Bryan, Guell, Lates,
Redmond, Saunders-Pearce

The motion passed.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Century Ponds Proposed Development, 601 Century Avenue South – Wetland Buffer Variances

Shann Finwall, Sustainability Coordinator, introduced the subject.

Jon Jarosch, Assistant City Engineer, answered questions about stormwater management throughout the development.

Steve Love, Public Works Director, answered questions about the proposed open space provided throughout the development.

Applicant representatives that answered questions and spoke on behalf of the development included:

- David Nash, Alliant Engineering
- Deb Ridgeway, D.R. Horton
- Michael Suel, D.R. Horton
- Mary Clare, Kjolhaug Environmental Services

John Zakelj, President, Friends of Maplewood Nature, thanked the developer for listening to neighbors and other advocates while designing the plat and preserving as much open space as possible. Mr. Zakelj stated he was thankful to hear that the preservation and maintenance of the open space sites would be carried out long after the initial three-year maintenance period, and there was a plan for that maintenance even if the homeowner's association was unable to maintain.

Chair Lates moved to approve the wetland buffer resolution for Century Ponds with three additional mitigation strategies including:

- A more detailed erosion control plan for all grading within wetland buffers.
- Coordinate with the St. Paul Police Training facility on wetland buffer mitigation strategies for Wetland A.
- Addition of educational interpretive signs.

Seconded by Commissioner Bryan.

Ayes – All

The motion passed.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

None

8. COMMISSIONER PRESENTATIONS

None

9. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Shann Finwall, Sustainability Coordinator, updated the Environmental and Natural Resources Commission on the following:

- a. ENR Commission Calendar – the ENR Commission will review a wetland buffer variance for a church expansion during the November meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 6:56 p.m.

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