

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. St. Paul Police Training Facility, 2621 Linwood Avenue East – Wetland Buffer Variance

Sustainability Coordinator Finwall presented the St. Paul Police Training Facility wetland buffer variance and additional wetland buffer mitigation strategies proposed since the April 21, 2025 Environmental and Natural Resources meeting.

Deb Brandwick, AIA, Principal – Senior Project Architect, Oertel Architects answered questions from the Commission. Ms. Brandwick confirmed that buckthorn removal would still take place within the buffer on the western wetland; the fence proposed is 3.5 feet high, made of galvanized steel poles with chains, and will be located along the Class 5 surface and the newly established wetland buffer on the eastern wetland; wetland buffer mitigation will equal 2 square feet of mitigation to 1 square feet of impact; and the applicants are receptive to planting native plugs to improve plant diversity along the north side of the eastern wetland once nonnative plants are removed.

Commissioner Pearce-Saunders moved to approve the St. Paul Police Training Facility wetland buffer variance and mitigation strategies with the condition that native plugs be planted in key areas of the northern wetland buffer of the eastern wetland in order to improve plant diversity.

Seconded by Chairperson Lates.

Ayes – All

The motion passed.

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

None

8. COMMISSIONER PRESENTATIONS

None

9. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

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

- a. New ENR Commission Meeting Schedule – Second Wednesday of the Month at 6 p.m. beginning June 11, 2025
- b. Spring Clean Up Summary – Saturday, May 3

Commissioners Cryer and Saunders-Pearce volunteered at the event. There were 331 residents that attended the event to recycle/dispose of bulky items and other items that take special processing.

c. Waterfest – Saturday, May 31, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Lake Phalen Park

Commissioners Cryer, Saunders-Pearce, and Lates are on the Waterfest Subcommittee and are making plans for the Commission’s environmental education booth at the event. This year the Commission will focus on trees and the City’s participation in Tree City USA.

d. Ramsey County Environmental Center Tour – Monday, July 21, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

e. ENR Commission Calendar

- June 11: Commission Roles and Responsibilities Discussion, Friends of Maplewood Nature, Draft Annual Report
- July: July 21, 6 to 7:30 p.m.: Environmental Center Tour in lieu of regular meeting
- August: August 18, 6 to 7:30 p.m.: Capitol Region Watershed District Tour in lieu of regular meeting
- September 10: BizRecycling/Energy Smart

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Lates made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Commissioner Bryan. Ayes – All

The motion passed.

Chairperson Lates adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.