

Community Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting Eight

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Pesticide Advisory Committee Meeting

March 25, 2019 5:00 – 7:00pm
Board Conference Room

PAC members present: Kari Christianson, Janice Gepner, Mike Lynch, Alex Roth, Jim Calkins, Simba Blood, Russ Henry, Patrick Keegan and Luna Zeidner.

One member of the general public attended the meeting.

Staff, commissioners, and speakers present:

Commissioner Chris Meyer, Jeremy Barrick, (MPRB), Michael Schroeder (MPRB) and Roberta Groening (MPRB)

Opening: 5:05pm

The Eighth Pesticide Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order.

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. The PAC members were welcomed and introduced.

2. Updates and Housekeeping

- a. Committee members reviewed reference and discussed folder items.
- b. Committee members reviewed last meeting's notes and approved them.
- c. Committee members agreed to stick with the same rules of engagement that have been place.

3. Workgroups

- a. Committee members discussed finalizing recommendations at this meeting, sub-committee notes will be under separate cover.

4. Finalize Recommendations

- a. A Committee member expressed concern about some of the recommendations from the golf sub-group pertaining to being careful about the balance between science and other less reliable studies that may mis-inform the public.
- b. A committee co-chair indicated access to additional information that relayed different amounts of pesticide usage in MPRB parks that was not readily available at the meeting for other committee members to review, which led to a discussion on transparency since the committee's recommendations are based on information that was shared during staff presentations at previous Pesticide Advisory Committee meetings.
- c. An MPRB employee asked a question/clarification as to how this committee was going to present its recommendations to the board? As a major and minor report or all recommendations as "equal"?



- d. The committee briefly discussed next steps;
- A suggestion was made to see if the committee term could be one year instead of two?
 - How to replace committee members that are going off the committee, never attended meetings or resigned?
 - A suggestion that the committee cease to exist in its current format but instead be imbedded in operations.
 - Another committee member indicated they would like to see the committee serve as a resource and be used as a tool to research and suggest alternatives when glyphosate usage is needed in the park system.
 - Committee members indicated a willingness to reconvene to discuss the nature of the committee going forward and agreed to reconvene in April.
 - The committee agreed that they would be collectively submitting three documents to the board containing their recommendations coming from the sub-committee workgroups.

5. Open comment time:

- a. There was no open comment, however a member of the public expressed their thanks for the committee's work and their dedication to offering recommendations and working towards a possible pesticide free park system.

6. Thank you and adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm