

Hamline Midway Coalition Committee Notes Form

Date of Meeting: *

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Environment Committee



Actions taken by the Committee :

starting outreach for adopt-a-drain, mobilizing for support against the exemption legislation banning sustainable to-go packaging and plastic bag bans in municipalities

Discussions had by the Committee:

introductions to potential new member,

Recommendations made by the Committee:

- 1) focus on 2-3 target areas [waste + water]
 - 2) use warm season for community connection + actions and cold season connecting those actions to policy efforts
 - 3) communicate to better combine efforts with other neighborhood/ environ groups
 - 4) coordinate day/time for Pierce Butler walk
 - 5) work on a graphic that represents our theory of change thru actions etc and better explains how our mission and interests result in tangible actions
 - 6) use meeting time to submit notes and create agenda for next meeting
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Actions needed by Board of Directors:

please share our announcements ~ thanks!

1) working to respond to state legislature's exemption bills for sustainable to-go packaging and plastic bag ban

This bill would preempt all Minnesota cities from passing their own ordinances on any single-use bag fee and recyclable or compostable to go food containers. Not only is this a step backwards for the environment and human health, but also for residents to engage in the democratic process with their local representatives.

2) mobilizing for stormwater adopt-a-drain community engagement - see <https://www.adopt-a-drain.org/> if you'd like to participate! track what you clean out of a stormdrain with the hashtag #guttergunk

3) we invite any neighbors interested in participating in the environment committee to contact us at environment@hamlinemidway.org - meetings are held the fourth Monday of every month, unless holidays or weather require alternate scheduling

Follow Up for HMC Staff:

Melissa ~ please let me know if I missed anything! thanks for your support

Upcoming Events (if any):

CHS tour opportunity via Valentine tentatively set for May 1

Future Topics

create schedule and action items based on focus areas + recommendations above
