

**NEW HOPE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMISSION
2011 ANNUAL REPORT**



The following is a listing of items discussed during 2011 by the New Hope Citizen Advisory Commission. The Commission met nine times in 2011.

- Elected Jonathan London to serve as Chair in 2011.
- Elected Rick Riley to serve as Vice Chair in 2011.
- Elected Bill Wills to serve as Secretary in 2011.
- Accepted the 2010 Citizen Advisory Commission Annual Report.
- Chair London and Commissioner Skalland served on the redevelopment committee in 2011.
- Discussed organized trash collection and organic waste collection with Dan Ruiz, Hennepin Recycling Group.
- Recommended that the hockey rink at Lions Park be designated as an off-leash dog park on a permanent basis during the spring, summer and fall.
- Participated in a joint meeting with the City Council at their work session in March.
- Commissioner Skalland resigned from the Citizen Advisory Commission.
- Welcomed new member Al Sarvi.
- Participated in the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program Annual Presentation.
- Reassigned parks for 2011.
- Worked with students and instructor from Hennepin Technical College to create and implement a new landscape design for the entrance to city hall.
- Participated in a discussion regarding Complete Streets and approved the Complete Streets policy for the City of New Hope.

- Recommended that the hockey rink at Liberty Park be designated as an off-leash dog park on a trial basis.
- Participated in a discussion of strategic planning for the West Metro Fire-Rescue District with Chad Weinstein, Ethical Leaders in Action, LLC.
- Recommended the establishment of a pilot project using a neighborhood association of individual homes to determine the feasibility of contracting for waste related services.
- Recommended a reduction in the number of licensed waste haulers for residential accounts based on criteria yet to be determined.
- Approved a landscape design project for the entrance to city hall and forwarded their recommendation to the City Council.
- Received an update on Parks and Recreation activities.
- Attended the Council/Commissions appreciation picnic at the New Hope Golf Course.
- Recommended support for a tobacco-free policy for city parks with consideration given for exempting certain areas.
- Discussed potential uses for the empty lot adjacent to Fred Sims Park.
- Looked at other possible uses for the outdoor theatre.
- Discussed revenue generating ideas for the city of New Hope.
- Commissioners London, Sievert and Terres volunteered to serve on a committee to research and recommend new playground equipment for Civic Center Park.
- Commissioner Pronovici declined reappointment to the Citizen Advisory Commission for another two-year term.