

**NEW HOPE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMISSION  
2023 ANNUAL REPORT**



The following is a listing of items discussed during 2023 by the New Hope Citizen Advisory Commission. The Commission met eight times in 2023.

- Accepted the 2022 Citizen Advisory Commission Annual Report.
- Elected Scott Kulzer to serve as Chair in 2023.
- Elected Bill Wills to serve as Vice Chair in 2023.
- Elected Jill Kaufman to serve as Secretary in 2023.
- Received an update on Community Development projects.
- Reassigned parks for 2023.
- Discussed Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) planning with Human Resources staff.
- Received an update on Communications projects within the city.
- Conducted the 2022-23 Snowman/Snow Sculpture Contest and discussed plans for the 2023-24 contest.
- Discussed plans for the 2023 City-Wide Garage Sale and assisted with posting signage for the event.
- Received an update on the Ice Arena and toured the facility.
- Received an update on recycling programs from Hennepin Recycling Group (HRG) manager Tim Pratt.
- Received an update on Public Works projects.
- Participated in an annual dialog with the City Council.
- Attended Commissioner Bus Tour of New Hope.
- Received an update on the City's 2024 budget process.

- Discussed a proposal for a New Hope Rain Garden Alliance and made a motion supporting the alliance as well as the implementation of a pilot project in 2025.
- Discussed brainstorming ideas to bring attention to New Hope.
- Received updates on Parks and Recreation projects including the Liberty Park playground improvement project, the Lighted Baseball Field improvement project, and the pickleball court construction at Meadow Lake Elementary.
- Planted flowers in the planters along 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.
- Volunteered for several Parks and Recreation events.
- Participated in two clean-up events at Liberty Park.
- Commissioners Harper and Kulzer were reappointed for additional 2-year terms.
- Commissioner Riley declined reappointment to the Citizen Advisory Commission.