



North Metro Mayors Minute for May 2021 Board Meeting

Does Kevin Bacon have a connection to Fridley?

Our hybrid meeting at Fridley this month reminded me of Kevin Bacon and the six degrees of separation game. A surprising number of people had ties to Fridley. Thank you to the City of Fridley for hosting us and giving us a chance to find new ways we're connected.

Also in the small world category, our guest speaker was former Ramsey mayor and now MN Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Sarah Strommen.

The great outdoors was a winner in the pandemic. Commissioner Strommen said, "Minnesotans turned to the outdoors!" Sales were up for licenses to fish or camp. About 100,000 inquiry calls were managed in 2020—double a typical year.

The DNR continues to grow the community of nature enthusiasts. They have a social media campaign going, called #MyMNOOutdoorAdventure. The goal is to highlight diverse people enjoying activities and destinations. Learn more about the direction the DNR is taking here: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/ortf/index.html>

Stay tuned for legislative updates and news from an expected special session.



Fridley Councilman Tom Tillberry welcomes us to Fridley. Ramsey Mayor Mark Kuzma is one of many members and legislators joining via Zoom.

In the room, we had representatives from Mille Lacs Band, Spring Lake Park,

Anoka Hennepin Schools Foundation, Champlain, New Hope, Coon Rapids, Anoka, Twin Cities North Chamber of Commerce, and Fridley. Thank you for attending online or in person.





Stay safe this holiday weekend, the unofficial start of summer. Feel free to contact me with ideas and questions. Thanks.

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