



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

**Wayzata City Hall
600 Rice Street East
Wayzata, MN 55391**

1. Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve April 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes
4. Earth Day Event Recap
5. Solar Ribbon Cutting Event
6. Home Energy Squad Visits Review
7. 2024 Work Plan Review
8. Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 25
9. Adjournment



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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

1. Roll Call

Committee Attendees: Dr. Edmund Chute, KC Chermak, David Ferri, and Polly Anderson.

Wayzata City Staff Member: Nick Kieser, Parks and Environment Planner.

2. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve agenda, first by Chute, seconded by Ferri. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approve April 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as shown, first by Chermak and seconded by Chute. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Earth Day Discussion

Committee Members and staff provided updates on the Earth Day event that is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Presenters from Natural Resource Preservation and Twin City Seed are confirmed for the event. The compost bin and rain barrel have been purchased for the giveaway. Native seed packets, educational materials, electric yard equipment, speaker, tables, and chairs are also ready for the event. Setup for the event will start at noon.

5. Municipal Solar Data Review

Staff reviewed a summary of the energy production from the installed solar systems. Staff also reviewed estimated cost savings associated with this energy production. A more detailed summary of the energy production and cost savings will be provided at the end of the year. Cost savings from Solar Rewards will be sent at the beginning of 2025 so that will provide a better understanding of the total cost savings.

6. Local Climate Action Grant Update

Staff noted that authorization to submit a Climate Action Grant to the MPCA will be on the April 23 Council meeting. If the application submittal is approved then staff will submit the application by April 30. A consulting firm, LHB, is also helping with the grant application. If the grant is awarded, the funds would be used to complete a city greenhouse gas emission inventory, vulnerability assessment, review of city operations and plans, and implementation plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

10. Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 28

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 5:50 pm. Motion passed unanimously.



Energy and Environment Committee 2024 Work Plan

New Projects/Initiatives:

- Research benefits, cost, and options for a Climate/Resiliency Action Plan.
- Create an Ordinance/Policy to require energy efficient, Dark-Sky compliant new or replacement outdoor lighting fixtures on all buildings.
- Create a construction and demolition Ordinance that requires a level of recycling and reuse for building materials and soil/land-clearing debris.
- Create a City Policy that would require new city owned buildings to be built using SB 2030 energy standard and/or a green building framework.
- Research incentive-based programs/options for residents (i.e. reduced costs for rain barrels).
- Research and implement initiatives to reduce air emissions.
 - Research ways to reduce vehicle idling.
- Hold another educational event that is focused on native landscaping and sustainable yards.
- Continue educational campaigns and expand partnerships with schools, churches, etc.
- Review energy production of the new solar systems and potentially create educational opportunities focused on the renewable energy.
- Determine action items required with the planned closure of the Hennepin County Energy Recovery Center.

Continued Projects/Initiatives:

- Reduce the cost of Home Energy Squad visits for residents.
- Award the annual Sustainability Champion Award.
- Work with the Public Works Department to transition gas-powered equipment to electric equipment.
- Determine if another EV Ride and Drive event should be held.
- Continue to put sustainability-related educational materials in city media outlets.
- Continue partnership with the Wayzata School District on any sustainability projects the Committee can help with.
- Review potential grant opportunities.