



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 30, 2024 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

Committee Attendees: Chair Lauren Lindelof, Polly Andersen, KC Chermak, Meaghan Yorro, and David Ferri

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

2. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve agenda with the addition of an Earth Day discussion, first by Ferri, and seconded by Andersen. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Approve November 28, 2023 Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as shown, first by Andersen and seconded by Ferri. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Chair and Vice-Chair Appointments

Motion to approve Chair Lindelof as Chair and Committee Member Chermak as Vice-Chair, first by Ferri and seconded by Andersen. Motion passed 5-0.

5. Municipal Solar Update

Staff provided an update that there have been some complications with the solar installations at City Hall, Library, and Fire Station. The roof type that was installed does not support the solar panels, so solutions are currently being explored. Staff will continue to update the Committee as they become available.

6. 2024 Work Plan Workshop

The Committee conducted an exercise to determine the priority projects/initiatives that they would like to work on in 2024. The main priority items were native landscaping/sustainable yards educational event, climate action plan, dark-sky lighting

ordinance/policy, and initiatives to reduce air emissions. This list will help staff to plan the year and what items to be focusing on.

7. Earth Day

Staff noted that the Parks and Trails Board will be working on an Arbor Day/Arbor Month event this year so the E&E Committee could work on an Earth Day event. The Committee discussed that the event could have an educational speaker on native landscaping/sustainable yards, food truck, rain barrel demonstration, rain garden examples, Public Works electrical equipment, composting examples, etc. A partnership with the Lake Minnetonka Garden Club for this event could be explored.

The event could be held in Panoway with the Community Room as a backup plan. If the event is in Panoway, the plantings in that space could be highlighted. There could also be a partnership with the Muni to provide refreshments and snacks. The date could be Thursday April 18 or April 25, but the event could also be held on a Saturday. An “ecosystem” theme was brought up that could also focus on water savings, less fertilizer use, stormwater runoff, pollinators/animal habitat, and less time on lawn maintenance. Committee Members Yorro and Lindelof both noted their interest in helping plan this event. Staff will reach out to the Lake Minnetonka Garden Club to gauge their interest in helping with this event.

7. Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 21

Committee Members Andersen and Ferri both noted they cannot attend the February 21 meeting. Staff will determine if a different date is needed to have quorum.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:20 pm. Motion passed 5-0.