



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

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

1. Roll Call

Committee Attendees: Chair Lauren Lindelof, KC Chermak, David Ferri, and Ava McNanley.

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

2. Approve Agenda

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

3. Approve April 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

4. Earth Day Event Recap

The Committee discussed the Earth Day event that was held on April 27 and noted that the speakers and guests were great in providing information at the event. For these events, it would be beneficial to add photos of past events online to help promote the event. For upcoming events, more promotion and advertisement could help to get more participants. One idea is to add sandwich board signs in Panoway before the event. Overall, the event helped educate participants and brought more interest into this subject.

5. Solar Ribbon Cutting Event

A great event was held for the new solar installations in partnership with Blue Horizon and the Chamber of Commerce on May 14. Approximately 50 people showed up to the event to celebrate the installations. Chair Lindelof noted that we hope the solar installations will be on the national and state solar tour. Coordination with the City and Blue Horizon will be needed to help with the solar tours.

6. Home Energy Squad Visits Review

Staff showed the Committee the Center for Energy and Environment Intercity Challenge for the home energy squad visits that occurred in 2023. Wayzata had the highest percentage of home energy squad visits per capita. Over 20 cities participate in this challenge so this is encouraging to see that the promotion of the visits is working. Residents are still able to receive discounted visits through the end of 2024.

7. 2024 Work Plan Review

Staff reviewed the 2024 work plan that was created at the beginning of the year to show the progress made and next steps. The next main initiative that the Committee is planning to tackle is the Dark Sky

initiative to reduce light pollution in the city. Staff has connected with a Dark Sky representative, and staff will try to get a representative to come to an upcoming Committee meeting to discuss the initiative.

8. Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 25

9. Adjournment

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