



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 25, 2024 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

1. Roll Call

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

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

2. Approve Agenda

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

3. Approve May 28, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

4. Dark Sky Initiative Review

Staff noted that a Dark Sky representative, Todd Burlet, will join the July Energy and Environment Committee meeting to provide information on this initiative and describe how Wayzata could be involved. A list of Minnesota cities that have incorporated various aspects of Dark Skies was included in the packet for review. Committee Members can review this information before the next meeting to have any questions ready for the presentation.

The Committee reviewed the Dark Sky five lighting principles for responsible outdoor lighting which include:

- Useful – Use light only if it is needed.
- Targeted – Direct light so it falls only where it is needed.
- Low Level – Light should be no brighter than necessary.
- Controlled – Use light only when it is needed.
- Warm-Colored – Use warmer color lights where possible.

These principles can be reviewed further to determine how any changes could be incorporated into Wayzata. The Committee noted that safety is a key concern with lighting. Ideas such as dimming lights or have lights on motion sensors could work in certain areas. More information will be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Sustainability Champion Award

The Committee and staff discussed a possible nomination process to award the 2024 Sustainability Champion Award. Staff will start to create a nomination form that will be promoted with this process. A draft nomination form will be reviewed by the Committee at the July meeting. Staff will also include information and the nomination form in the August Wayzata Portal in addition to promoting the form in various other city outlets.

The nomination form could include examples of what businesses could be nominated for including:

- Waste reduction/organics
- Increased energy efficiency
- Lower energy consumption
- Renewable energy
- Electric vehicles
- Native/pollinator gardens
- Heat island reduction
- Water reduction
- Reduce stormwater runoff

All these ideas and more could be reasons to award the Sustainability Champion Award and will be reviewed by the E&E Committee at the end of the nomination process.

6. Review Solar Production/Discuss Educational Opportunities

Chair Lindelof noted that the new municipal solar project could be incorporated into the Aces National Solar Tour and MN Sustainability Tour. Lindelof will work with staff and Blue Horizon to gather the information needed to add the municipal solar project to the tour.

In addition, information regarding the solar production could be included in an upcoming Wayzata Portal to educate residents and promote the new solar systems. Staff will determine when this information could be in an upcoming Portal.

7. Pollinator Garden at Hennepin County Library

McNanley and staff noted that students from Wayzata High School planted new pollinator gardens on the south side of the Hennepin County Library. The group paid for the materials and volunteered their time to install the gardens. They will also continue to maintain the garden as needed for the rest of the season. The Committee and staff was very appreciative of the work the students did and are excited to see the garden grow.

8. Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 30

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting, first by Chermak, seconded by Ferri. Motion passed unanimously.