



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

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

1. Roll Call

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

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

2. Approve Agenda

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

3. Approve July 30, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

4. DarkSky Initiative Presentation

Staff noted that the DarkSky initiative could be separated into three phases:

1. Create a new Ordinance with specific lighting requirements for new developments.
2. Create educational materials that are promoted in city media outlets and sent directly to businesses and/or residents. The Committee could focus on a specific corridor or area, like Lake Street, to focus efforts to make changes.
3. Create a policy that covers city lighting. Changes in city lighting could also start with a focus area to show success before changes are brought city-wide.

The Committee discussed these phases. For a specific corridor or area to implement DarkSky lighting, the marina/beach area could work well to serve as a case study. Lake Street could also serve as a great example, but that would most likely cost significantly more and more visible.

Staff noted that they will start conducting additional research into a new Ordinance for new developments that could be drafted for review. Staff will also contact the DarkSky representative to determine what changes could be implemented to install DarkSky lighting in the case study areas.

5. Sustainability Champion Award

Staff noted that there are no current applications submitted for the 2024 Sustainability Champion Award. Staff has talked with Folkstone about their sustainability initiatives and they are interested in applying, but they might apply next year.

6. Local Climate Action Grant Update

Staff noted that the MPCA is still working on draft application that they will send to the city for review. Once that is sent to the city then the review process will go through staff and to the City Council for final approval.

7. Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 24

McNanley noted that Wayzata High School has installed a native garden near the High School. The Committee congratulated McNanley on this accomplishment and noted that they will try to visit the garden.

Chair Lindelof updated the Committee that the municipal solar installations were placed on the ACES Solar Tour. The Tour is from October 4-6. Lindelof and staff will partner with Blue Horizon to determine if a specific event could be held during those days for folks that would like to discuss the solar installations. A unique cocktail could also be created at the Bar & Grill to help promote the solar installations.

The Committee also discussed changing the future meeting start times to 5:30 pm.

8. Adjournment

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