



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 24, 2025, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

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

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 4-0.

3. Approve June 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes, first by Chermak and seconded by Ferri. Motion passed 4-0.

4. City Operations Resilience Plan Actions Discussion

Staff provided an update that the City Operations Resilience Plan was approved by the City Council on June 10. Staff will work to close out the MPCA grant by June 30, as required. As part of the grant closeout process, a \$2,500 cash match is also required and will be funded through the Environment and Energy Committee's budget.

With the Resilience Plan now approved, the first priority is to establish a staff working group composed of 6–8 representatives from various City departments. Staff acknowledged that the formation of this group may take some time due to current staffing turnover.

The second priority is to initiate additional community engagement efforts. The Committee discussed the potential of incorporating questions related to resilience into the upcoming resident survey as a way to gather public input. Staff noted that further research is needed regarding the timing and format of the survey before proceeding.

5. Arbor Month Event Recap

The Committee reviewed the Arbor Month Event held at Depot Park on May 30. It was noted that the event was poorly attended, possibly due to the location, which may have been too removed from areas of high foot traffic.

To improve attendance at future events, the Committee discussed several strategies, including:

- Pairing the event with another popular activity, such as the annual tree giveaway
- Hosting it in a more visible location such as Panoway or the Great Lawn
- Offering more child-friendly activities to attract families
- Including a native plant sale
- Partnering with other organizations
- Increasing event signage and visibility
- Advertising in local media such as the Sun Sailor
- Expanding promotion through City communication channels
- Collaborating with other City events, such as Sunday Music in the Park

The next event is proposed to be a Dark Skies-themed event, and the Committee will keep these suggestions in mind during planning.

5. Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 22

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, first by Lindelof, seconded by Ferri. Motion passed 5-0.