



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 25, 2025, 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

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

4. Approve February 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes, first by Ferri, seconded by McNanley. Motion passed unanimously.

5. City Operations Resilience Plan Strategy Review

Staff provided an update on the draft Resilience Plan and the list of resilience strategies that were created by LHB and attached to the agenda packet. The Committee discussed the draft Plan and list of strategies and noted the following as additions to the strategy list:

- Diminish the use of single-use plastics.
- Strategy that focuses on the heat island effect with additional trees and/or other shade options.
- Implementing Dark Sky compliant lighting.
- Electric boat chargers at the docks.
- Continued support of schools and their work on energy and environmental goals.

In addition, the Committee discussed that the options for no turf grass could be beneficial project. Rain barrels would only make sense on certain buildings. There is a significant opportunity to reduce our water consumption by reviewing our irrigation systems to improve efficiency. Specific to Wayzata High School, water runoff and idling cars have become an issue which could be reviewed in more detail.

6. Arbor Month Discussion

The Committee has discussed implementing either an Earth Day event or an Arbor Month event and determined that an Arbor Month event would work better. Chair Lindelof and Member Yorro discussed the Arbor Month event with City Forester Myrhan and summarized the event details that were determined from that meeting.

The Arbor Month event will be held on Saturday, May 31 from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm at Depot Park. At the event, there will be free tree seedlings, scavenger hunt for children, speakers on native/pollinator plants and tree planting. There will also be a large tree to be planted at the park with a tree spade for participants to watch. In addition, the Depot will be open from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm with the railroad model running from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

7. Folkstone Earth Day Participation Discussion

Chair Lindelof will attend and table at the Folkstone Earth Day event on April 22 at 2:00 pm. For the event, the Committee suggested having the following available at the event:

- Dark Sky pamphlets and information
- Solar panels brochure that was made with Blue Horizon
- Sustainable Home graphic that the Committee created
- Energy and Environment Committee 2025 work plan and 2024 accomplishments

Staff will work with Chair Lindelof to print these materials and have them ready for the event.

8. Dark Sky Discussion

A Dark Sky lighting discussion was led by Member Kirkland. Flagstaff is a Dark Sky city and could send us information about the lighting vendors they have worked with. Chermak noted that we need to get the Police Department involved early and educate them on the Dark Skies initiative. Yorro discussed that we should tie-in economic and environmental values to Dark Skies as well.

9. Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 22

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, first by Lindelof, seconded by Chermak. Motion passed unanimously at 6:35 pm.