



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 30, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

1. Roll Call

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

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

2. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve agenda with addition of discussion with the Wayzata High School, first by Ferri, seconded by Kirkland. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approve August 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes, first by Lindelof and seconded by Kirkland. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Dark Sky Event Recap

The Committee discussed the Dark Sky Event that was held on Friday, September 26.

Highlights:

- The event was well attended, with a strong showing of children and families, resulting in a diverse audience.
- Attendees demonstrated significant interest in the subject matter.
- Presentations by Todd from Dark Skies and Ally from University of MN were well received.
- The Wayzata High School Volunteer Club was very helpful with tabling and working the telescopes.
- Audience members asked thoughtful and engaging follow-up questions to the presentations.
- Promotional efforts were effective, including flyer distribution and coverage in the *Sun Sailor*.

- The City Hall venue proved suitable for both the presentation and sky viewing.

Areas for Improvement:

- Increase the number of telescopes available and seek a partnership with the Minnesota Astronomical Society.
- Provide larger telescopes to enhance viewing opportunities.
- Encourage greater participation in the guided walk, potentially by scheduling it earlier in the evening.
- Address long wait times for telescope viewing with more telescopes.
- Invite broader participation from City Council and other community groups.
- Incorporate images in the presentation that highlight local light pollution issues and potential solutions for Wayzata.
- Consider offering speakers an honorarium, either as a personal token of appreciation or as a contribution to their cause.

The Committee discussed the potential to hold this event again in the future or if there are other topics that would work well for another educational event. This discussion will be ongoing at future Committee meetings.

5. Resilience Plan Review

Staff reviewed the top priorities of the Resilience Plan that were chosen by the Committee at a previous meeting. From these priorities, staff also noted that the Committee should determine what other action items that could be implemented by the Committee. Most of the other action items in the Resilience Plan require work by city staff.

The Committee will review the Resilience Plan before the next meeting to bring forward any other action items that they could work on.

6. Presentation at Wayzata High School

Chair Lindelof noted that a presentation to students at Wayzata High School will be held on Wednesday, October 8. The presentation will review the Committee's work and explain the student position on the Committee.

7. Staff Updates

Staff noted that there will be five Committee Members up for reappointment at the end of 2025. Staff will send out the application to each member that would need to reapply.

6. Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 28

Committee Member Ferri noted that he will be absent from the next meeting.

7. Adjournment

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