



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 27, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

1. Roll Call

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

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

Additional Attendees: Sue Asinger and Dick Asinger from Folkstone.

2. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as shown, first by Ferri, seconded by Chute. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approve September 30, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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

4. Review Sustainability Champion Award

Staff reviewed the process for the Sustainability Champion Award for the Committee's review and recommendation, to ultimately be presented at a City Council meeting.

Sue Asinger and Dick Asinger attended the meeting to discuss their application and the sustainability initiatives underway at Folkestone. The Committee discussed the Promenade/Folkestone's selection of Nitti Sanitation as their garbage, recycling, and organics provider. The Committee also discussed ongoing efforts to replace a significant number of fluorescent lights in the underground parking area as replacements are needed.

The applicants are a group of tenant volunteers, the Folkstone EcoTeam. The Committee noted that because the applicants are tenants, they must work through residents and property management, which can make implementation more challenging. A near-term

project identified by the applicants is to add additional recycling stations throughout the building, particularly in the Bistro and Lakeside Lounge. The Committee also discussed the heated sidewalks as a positive improvement from both a safety and sustainability perspective.

The Committee noted that one unique component of the program is the collection of items that are not typically accepted through standard recycling. The Committee discussed the strong participation in these efforts, as documented in the application. Examples include hosting zero-waste events such as happy hours and potlucks. The Committee noted that residents have significantly embraced these programs.

The Committee also discussed partnerships with organizations such as Free Geek, which accepts electronics for repair or recycling. The applicants also noted that approximately 800 pounds of old locks were collected for recycling through Express Metals. The Committee discussed the potential opportunity to develop an informational brochure that could be shared on the City website and with other communities.

Motion to award the 2025 Sustainable Champion Award to Folkstone, motioned by Lindelof, seconded by Ferri. Approved 4-0.

#### 5. Member Recruitment

The Committee and staff discussed strategies to increase interest in Committee membership. Staff will work on sharing information in the Wayzata Weekly and the City's monthly newsletter. Additional outreach options discussed included posting on Nextdoor and reconnecting with the School District and/or Community Education.

Staff also noted that a flyer had been created previously highlighting the Committee's work and could be updated for recruitment purposes.

#### 6. Resilience Plan Discussion

Staff noted that due to other staff currently on maternity leave, there are limited resources available to support implementation of the Resilience Plan at this time. Staff indicated that additional capacity will be available once staff return from leave.

The Committee discussed that a top priority is transitioning portions of the City's municipal fleet to electric vehicles. Preliminary work has already been completed through an EV fleet study, which tracked mileage for each City vehicle to determine which vehicles may be feasible to transition to electric. Staff noted that they will begin outreach to determine

whether installation of electric vehicle chargers at Public Works is feasible and to estimate potential costs.

The Committee also discussed the potential for a City Council workshop related to the Dark Sky initiative. Staff will coordinate with the City to determine the next available workshop opportunity to bring this topic forward for Council discussion.

#### 7. Election of Officers

Motion to nominate Lindelof as Chair and Yorro as Vice Chair, motioned by Chute, seconded by Lindelof, approved 4-0.

#### 6. Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 24

#### 7. Adjournment

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